

Staff Technical Workshop

Analytical Tools Used to Develop the Amendment
to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San
Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta
Estuary and Supporting Revised Substitute
Environmental Document (SED)

December 5, 2016



Workshop Purpose

- State Water Board staff technical workshops on December 5 and December 12
- To describe the models and tools used in the Substitute Environmental Document (SED) for the amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan)
- Answer questions to help interested persons prepare oral and written comments

Outline (Dec. 5)

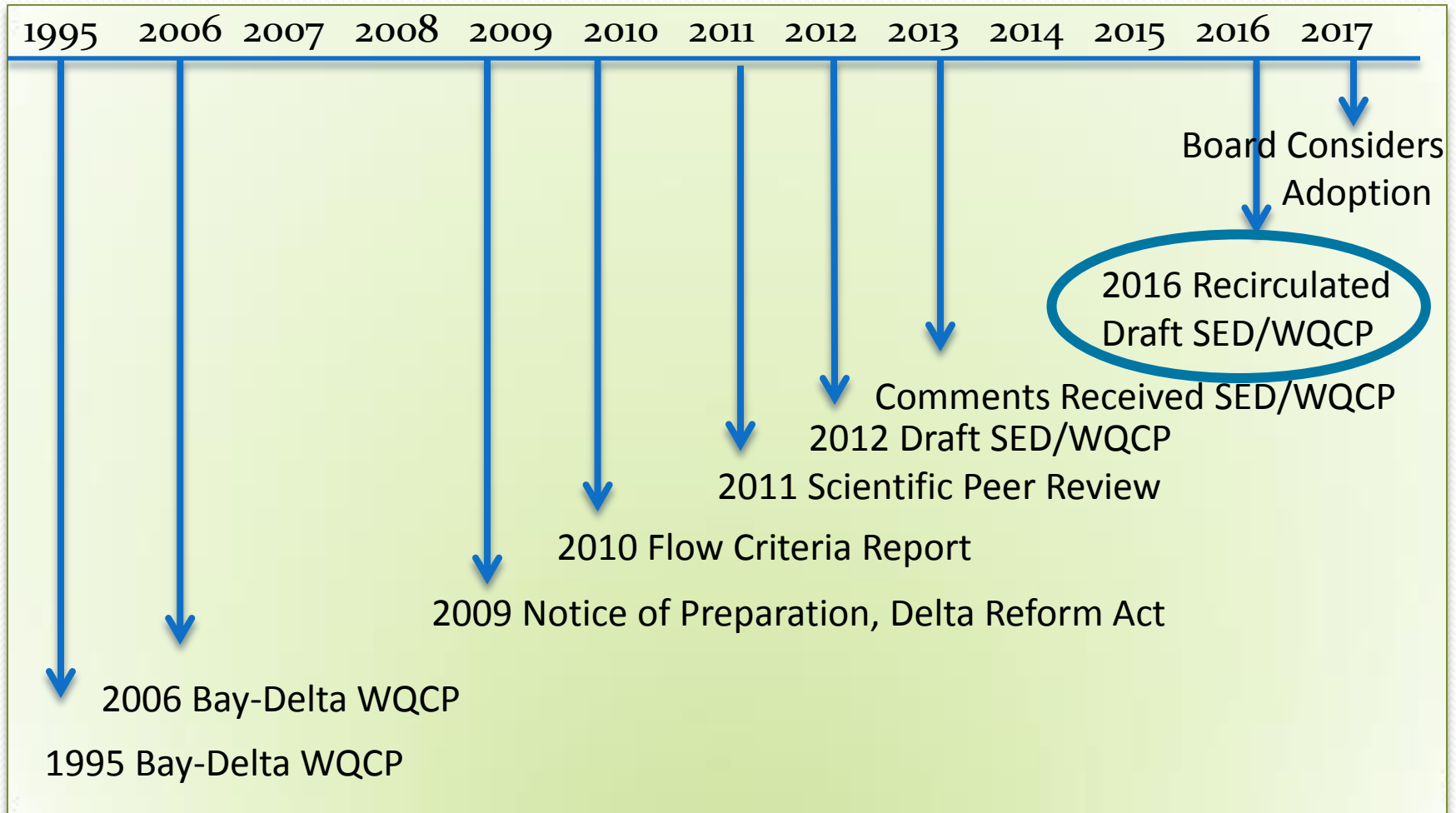
- Welcome, Introduction, and Overview
- Facilitation
- Water Supply Effects Model Methods
- Water Supply Effects Model Results
- HEC5Q Temperature Model and Results
- Ecological Benefits of Flow Alternatives
- Closing Session / Next Steps

The Project

Update of Bay-Delta Plan:

- San Joaquin River flows for reasonable protection of fish and wildlife
- Southern Delta salinity for reasonable protection of agriculture
- Program of implementation

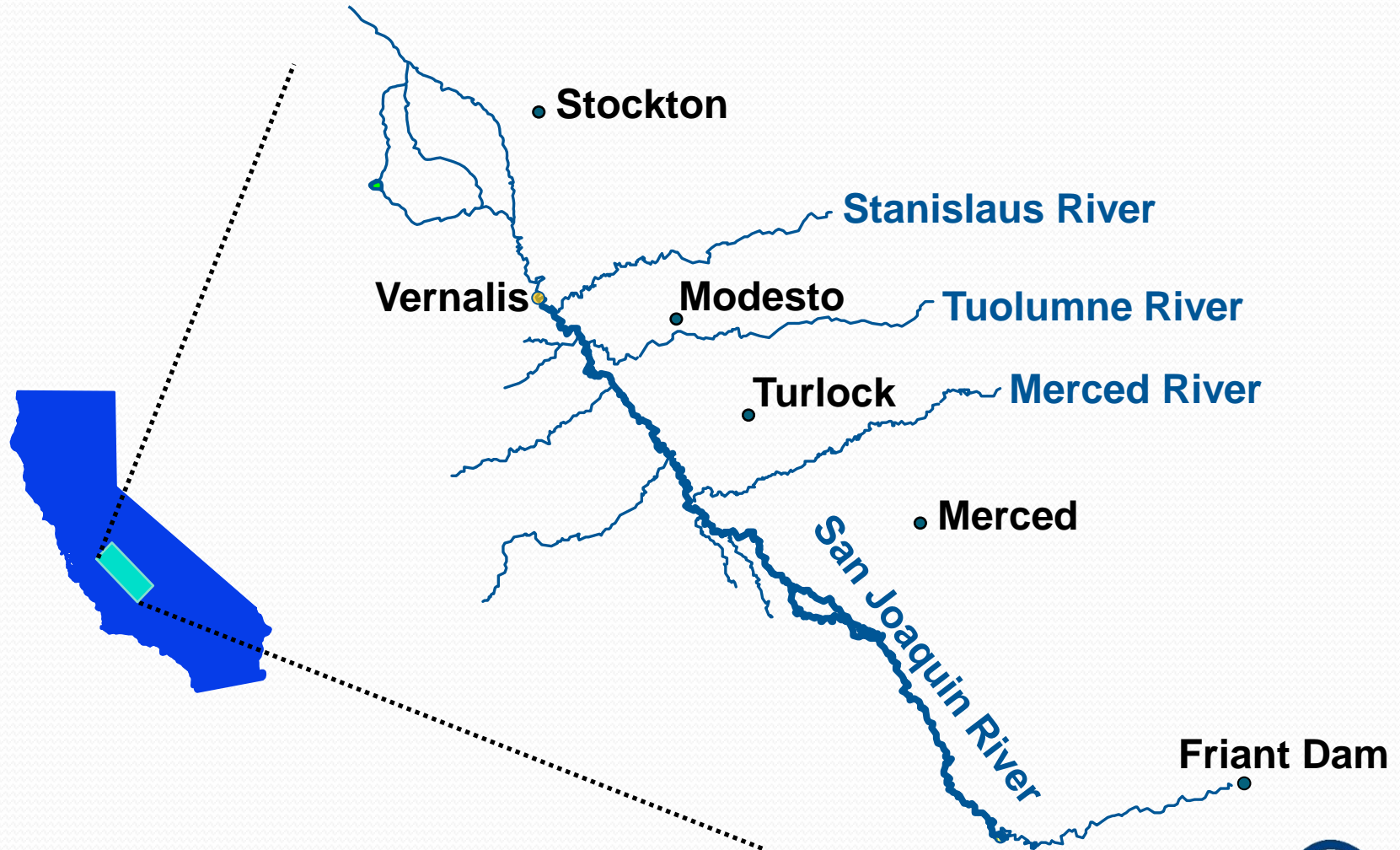
WQCP/SED Timeline



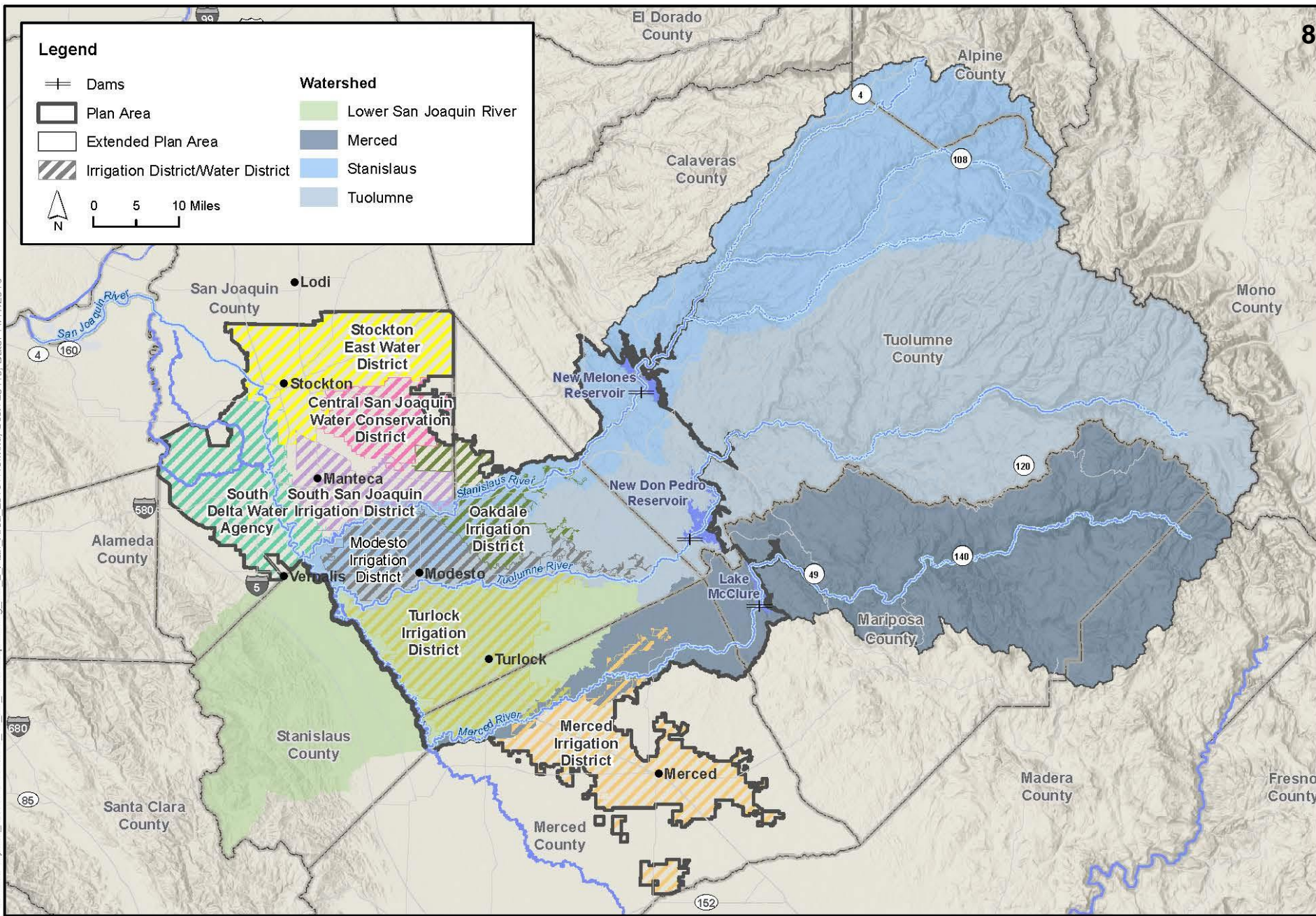
Current Plan Out of Date

- Plan last updated 21 years ago in 1995
- Species have been declining – the need for update was identified 10 years ago (in 2006 Plan update)
- Endangered Species Act increasing water restrictions
- Administration's California Water Action Plan directs the State Water Board to complete the update of the Plan to further achievement of the co-equal goals in the Delta
 1. Providing a more reliable water supply for California
 2. Protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem

Lower San Joaquin River (LSJR) Basin



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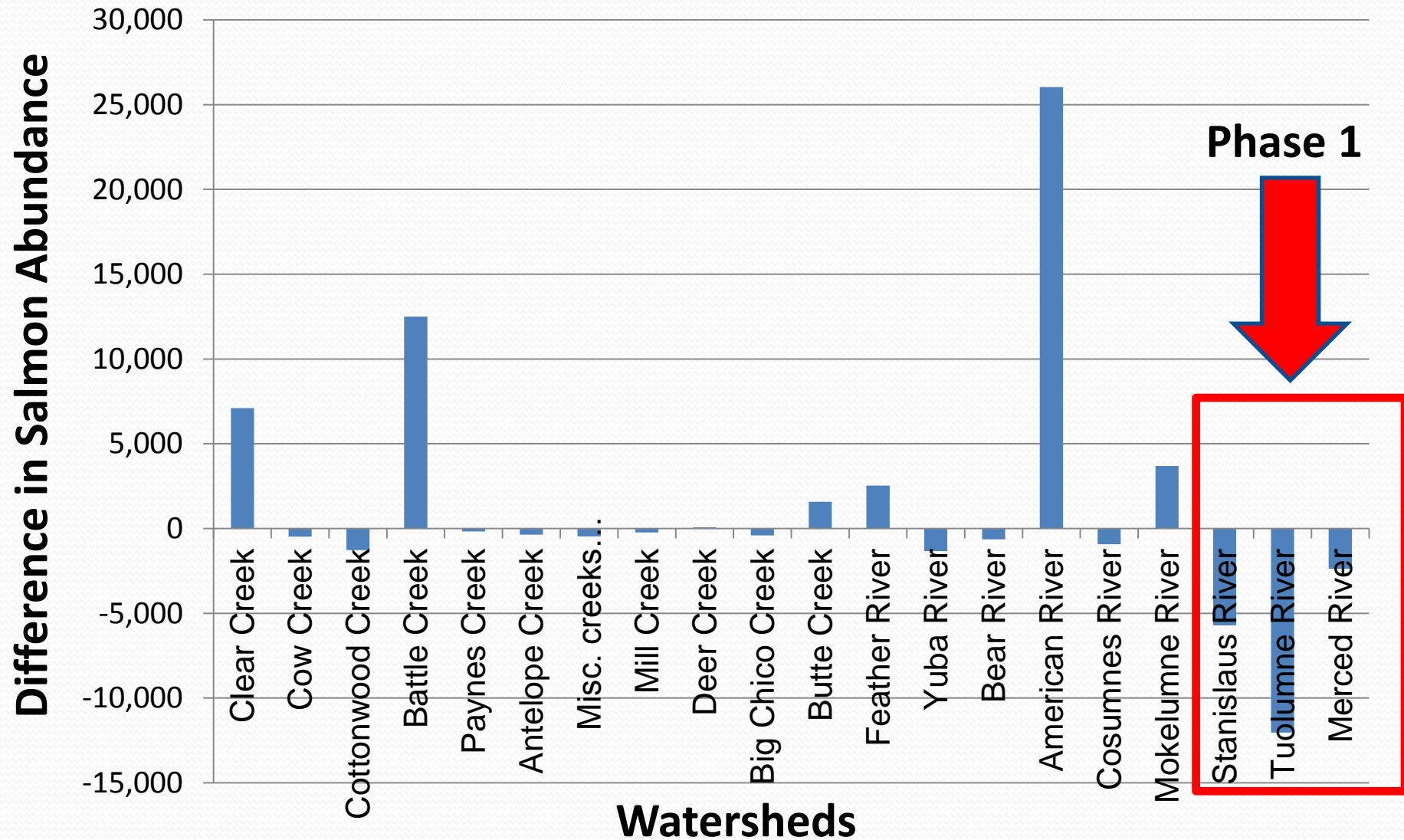
Purpose and Goal

- To establish flow objectives for the February–June period and a program of implementation for the reasonable protection of fish and wildlife beneficial uses in the LSJR Watershed, including the three eastside, salmon-bearing tributaries (the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced Rivers)
- To establish salinity objectives for the reasonable protection of southern Delta agricultural beneficial uses and a program of implementation to achieve the objectives

Why Focus on Flow?

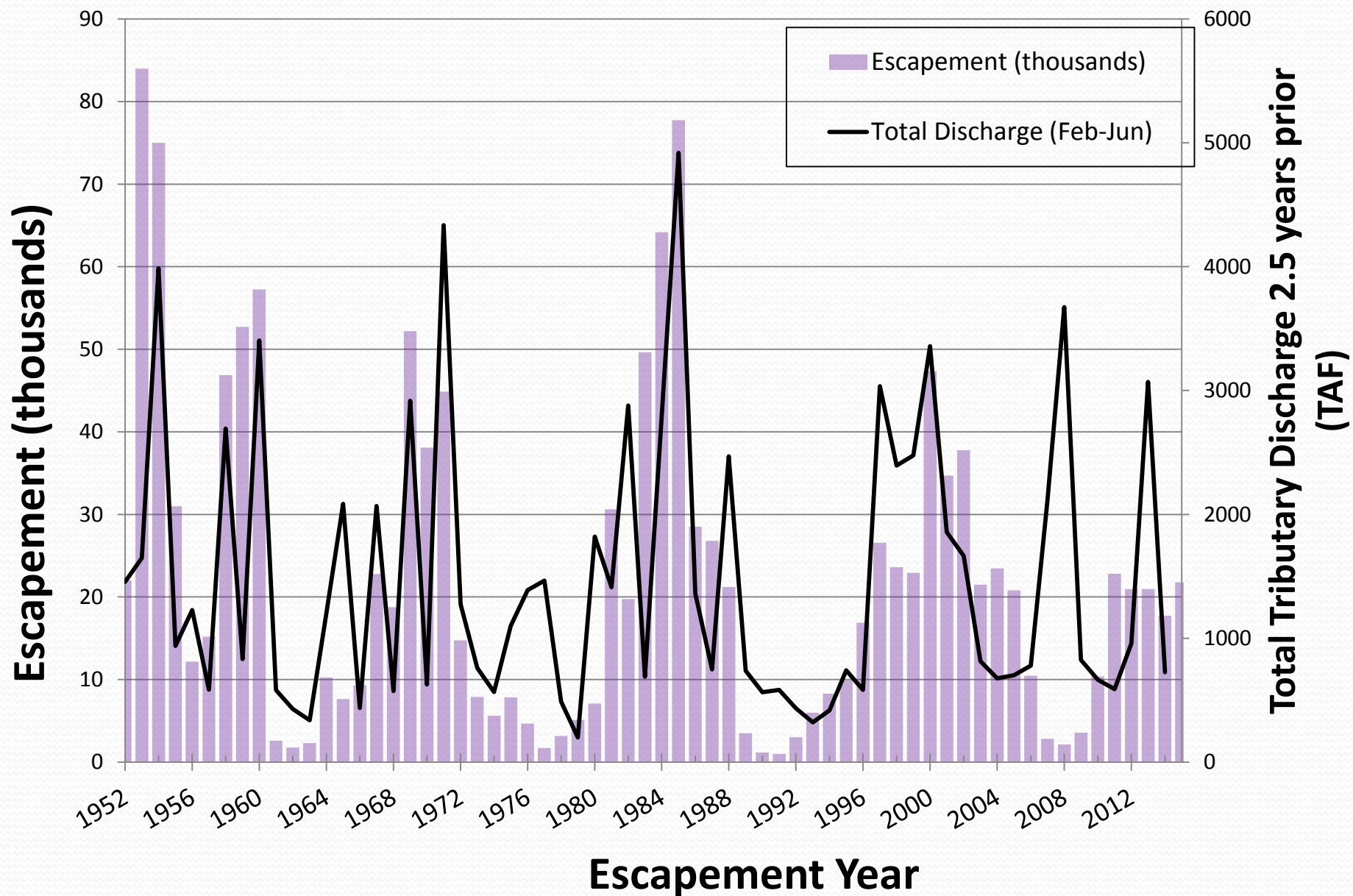
- Scientific studies show that flow is a major factor in the survival of fish such as salmon
- Many benefits of flow, including improved growth and survival of native fish by improving water temperatures and increasing floodplain habitat
- Flow affects risk of disease, risk of predation, reproductive success, growth, smoltification, migration, feeding behavior, and other ecological factors
- Non-flow measures can also be important, but State Water Board has limited authority to require non-flow measures

Difference in Adult Fall-run Chinook Salmon Natural Production (1992 to 2011 average minus 1967 to 1991 average)



Adult Salmon Returns and Flows Experienced by Juveniles

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This is Hard, Requires Balancing

- State Water Board's 2010 flow criteria report – a purely technical assessment and no balancing – concluded that 60 percent of flow should be left in the LSJR for the benefit of fish
- Current uses (agriculture, drinking water) rely on up to 80 percent or more of the unimpaired flow
- Unlike the 2010 report, this staff proposal considers other uses and aims to strike a balance among competing uses of water
- The staff proposal recommends a range of between 30 and 50 percent of unimpaired flow, with a starting point of 40 percent – this is a big increase

This is Hard, Requires Balancing

- This is less than what environmental and commercial fishing interests favor, and more than agricultural and affected urban users want
- Balancing is hard, but is what we are called upon to do
- Because it is hard, State Water Board has a long history of encouraging settlements

Settlements are Encouraged

- The flow proposal includes “adaptive implementation,” which allows adjustments so water is used wisely and more effectively – implementation of non-flow measures could also reduce the flows needed
- Board is looking for durable local solutions that will improve flows and other conditions that can reduce the need for flow
- Local water agencies and local people working with agency experts and other organizations can provide the foundation for such durable solutions
- The California Natural Resources Agency is leading settlement discussions to explore the potential for a comprehensive agreement on environmental flows in both the San Joaquin and Sacramento River basins

Current SJR Spring Flow Objective

- One compliance location: Lower San Joaquin River at Vernalis (inflow to Delta)
- Minimum monthly average flow rates
- Includes "pulse" flow during a 31-day period in April and May of each year
- USBR only responsible water right holder

Proposed LSJR Flow Objective

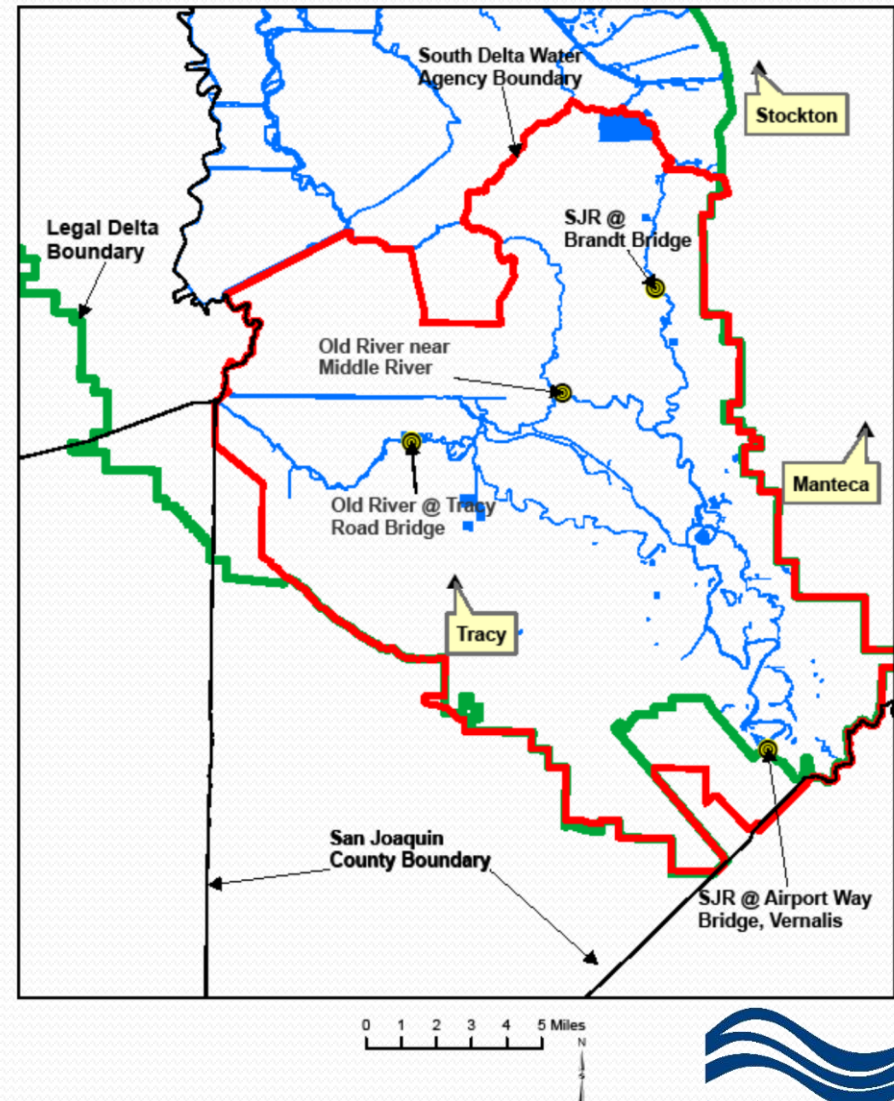
- Applies to salmon-bearing tributaries-- the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced Rivers
- Narrative Objective:
 - Maintain inflow conditions from the SJR watershed to the Delta at Vernalis sufficient to support and maintain the natural production of viable native SJR fish populations migrating through the Delta
- Numeric Objective:
 - Feb - June: 30% - 50% unimpaired flow
 - Starting point of 40%
 - Unimpaired flow: the natural water production of a river basin, unaltered by upstream diversions, storage, or by export or import of water to or from other watersheds

Proposed LSJR Flow Objective

- Adaptive Implementation
 - Adjustments within the 30% - 50% range
 - Adjustments within Feb - June period
 - Flow shifting to avoid temperature impacts in fall
- Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced (STM) Working Group – implementing entity
 - Biological goals
 - Planning, monitoring, and reporting
 - Voluntary agreements

Current Southern Delta Salinity Objective

- April through August: 0.7 millimhos per centimeter (mmhos/cm) EC
 - based on the salt sensitivity and growing season of beans
- September through March: 1.0 mmhos/cm EC
 - based on the growing season and salt sensitivity of alfalfa during the seedling stage
- 4 Salinity compliance stations within the south Delta:
 - San Joaquin River at Vernalis
 - San Joaquin River at Brandt Bridge
 - Old River at Middle River
 - Old River at Tracy Road Bridge.



Hoffman Report, Figure 1.1.

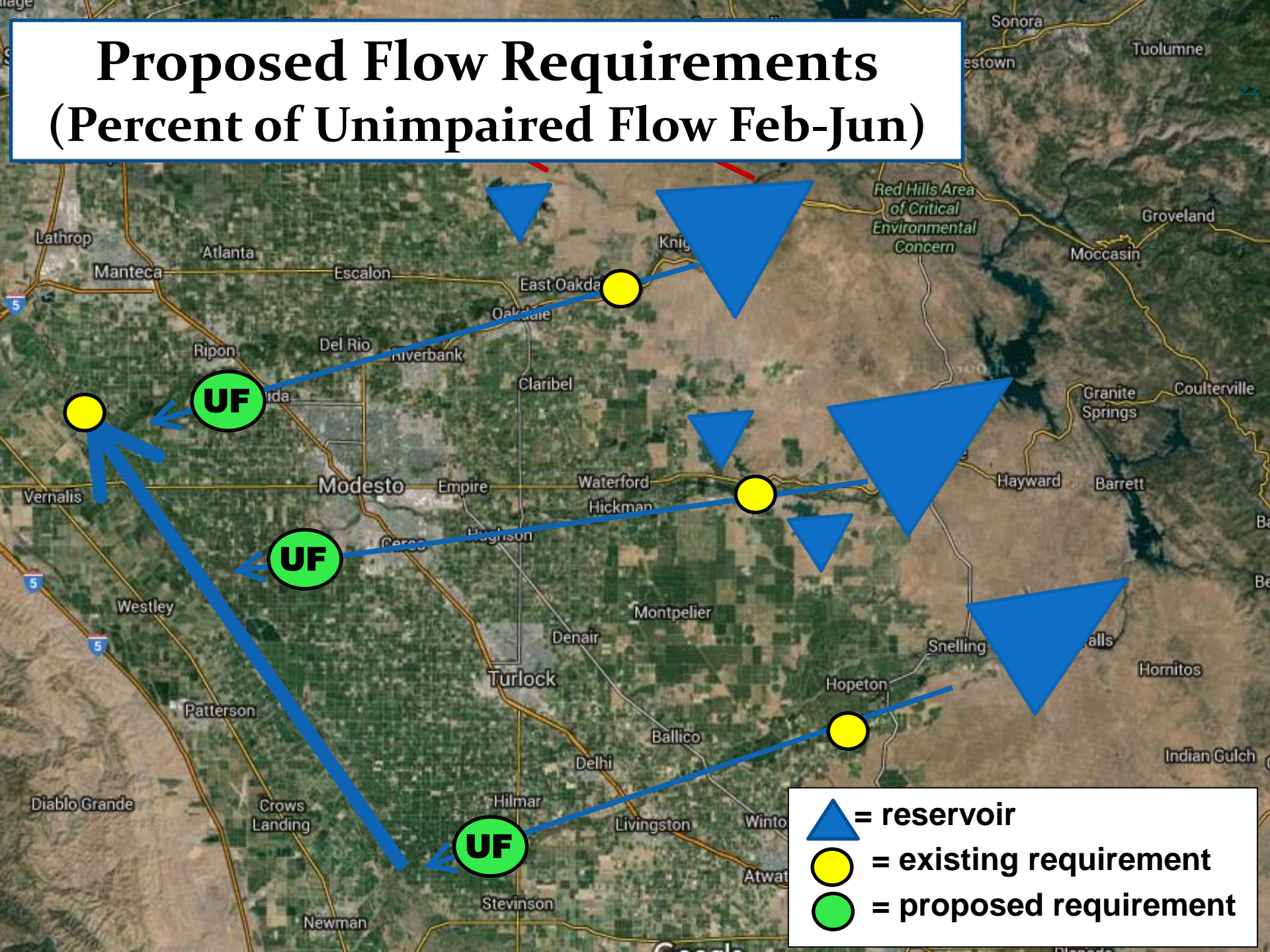
Proposed Southern Delta Salinity Objective

- Year round objective of 1.0 deciSemens per meter (dS/m) EC
- Three compliance locations changed to channel segments
 - SJR from Vernalis to Brandt Bridge
 - Middle River from Old River to Victoria Canal
 - Old River/Grant Line Canal from Head of Old River to West Canal
- Continued conditions in USBR and DWR's water rights
 - USBR - 0.7 EC at Vernalis April - Aug; 1.0 EC Sep - March
 - DWR & USBR - 1.0 EC year round in the interior Delta locations
 - DWR & USBR - Continued operations of agricultural barriers or other reasonable measures to address impacts of SWP/CVP operations on water levels and flow conditions

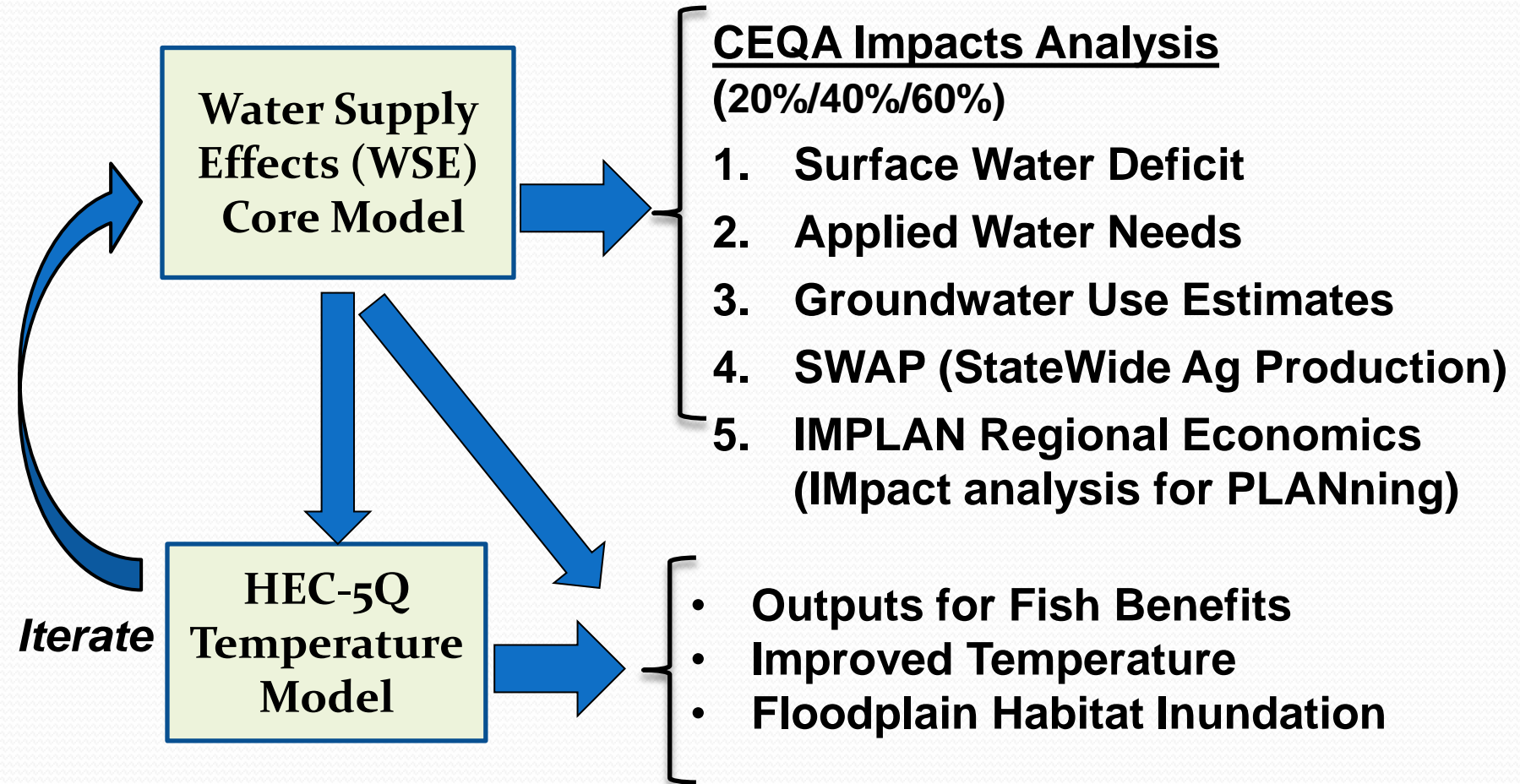
Proposed Southern Delta Salinity Objective

- Other Requirements
 - Comprehensive Operations Plan - Information, actions, performance goals to address SWP/CVP export operations on water levels and flow conditions affecting salinity
 - Monitoring and reporting
 - Study to characterize dynamics of water level, flow, and salinity conditions
- LSJR flow objectives would improve salinity conditions

Proposed Flow Requirements (Percent of Unimpaired Flow Feb-Jun)



Modeling Flow Chart



Programmatic Analysis

- Quantitative information from models informs physical changes that could result from the plan amendments and have the potential for quantifiable impacts on environmental resources:
 - River flows
 - Reservoir operations
 - Surface water diversions
 - Groundwater pumping
- Potential environmental impacts of these physical changes are evaluated in Chapters 5–17 of the SED
- Fish Benefits in Chapter 19

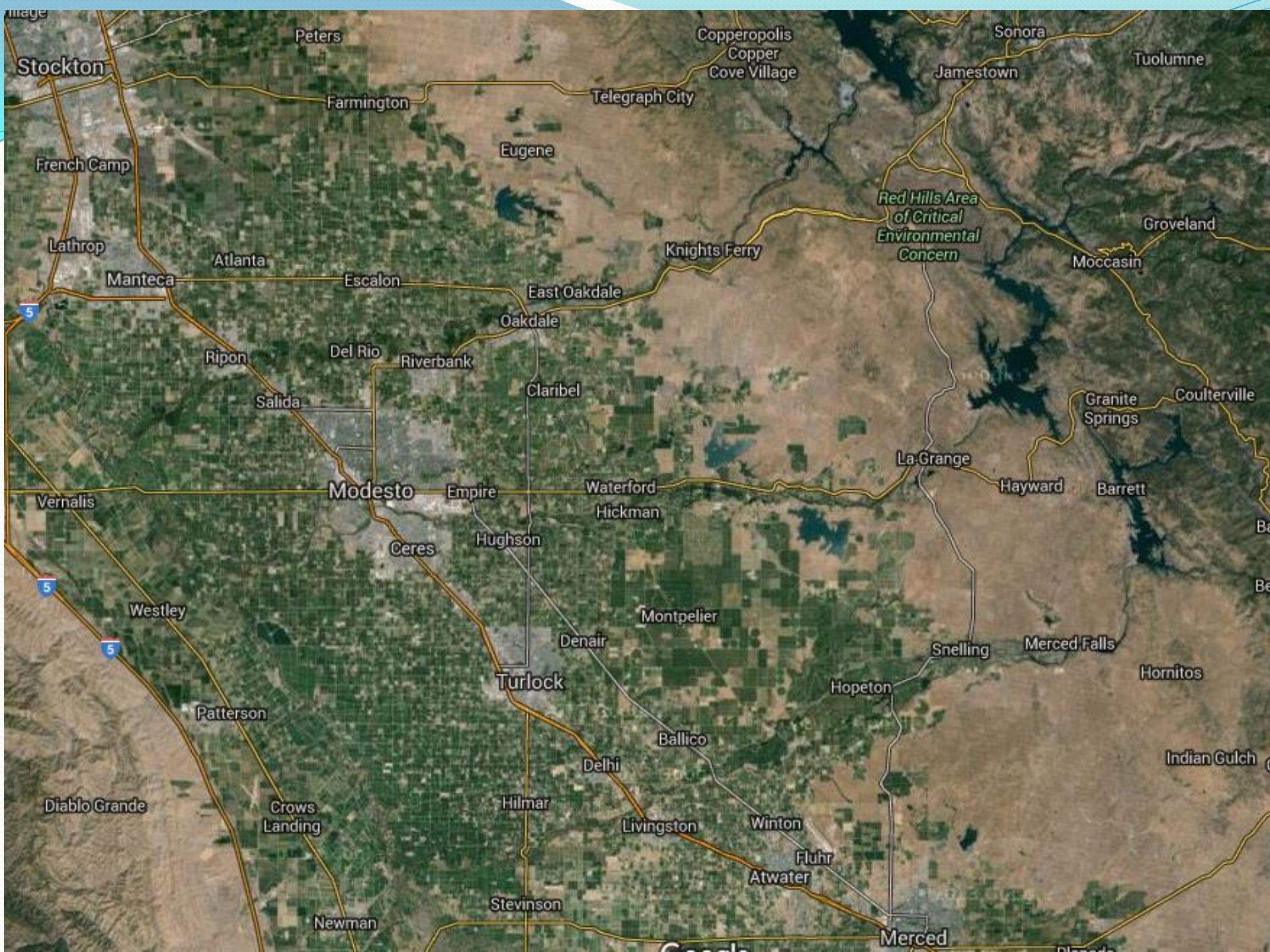
Staff Technical Workshop Part 1: Water Supply Effects (WSE) Model Methods

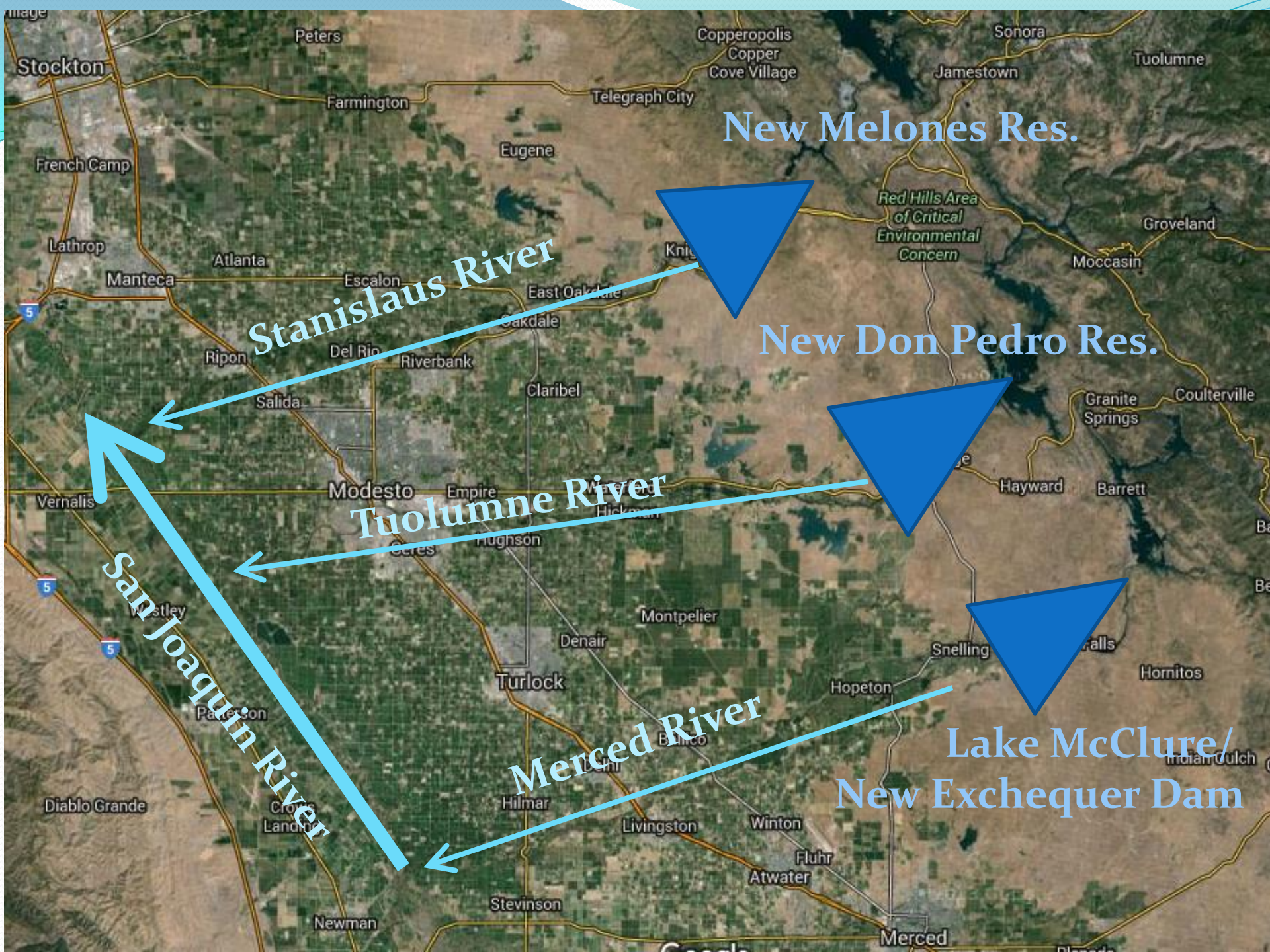
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Water Supply Effects (WSE) Model

- WSE Background and CALSIM
- Changes from prior version (2012 Draft SED)
- Baseline definition and alternatives
- Instream flow requirements
- Surface water demand characterization
- Allocation of available water





New Melones Res.

Stanislaus River

New Don Pedro Res.

Tuolumne River

San Joaquin River

Merced River

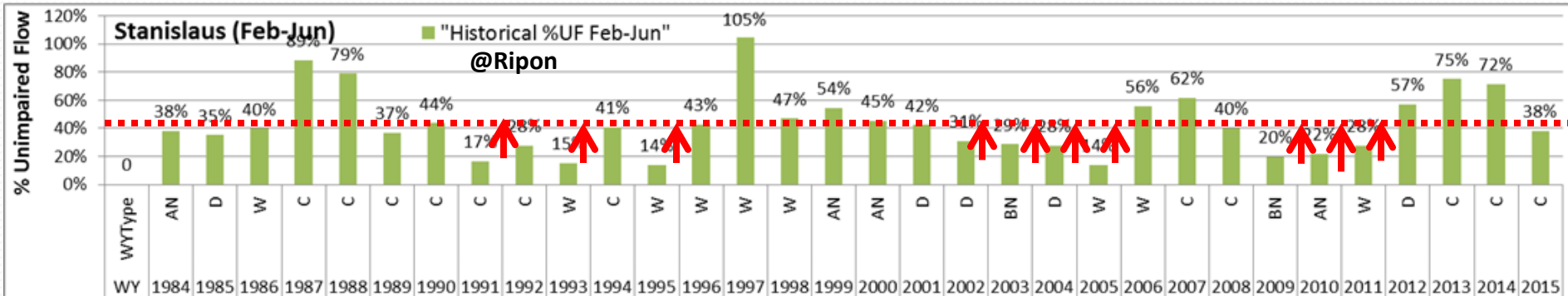
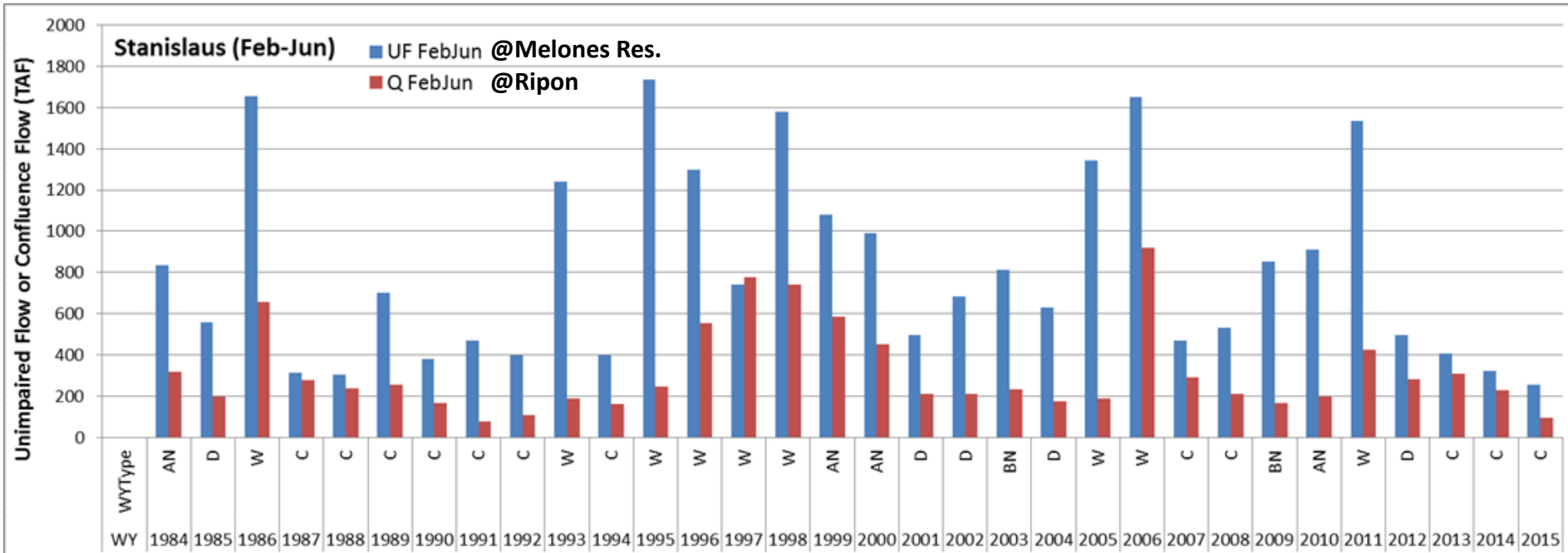
Lake McClure/
New Exchequer Dam



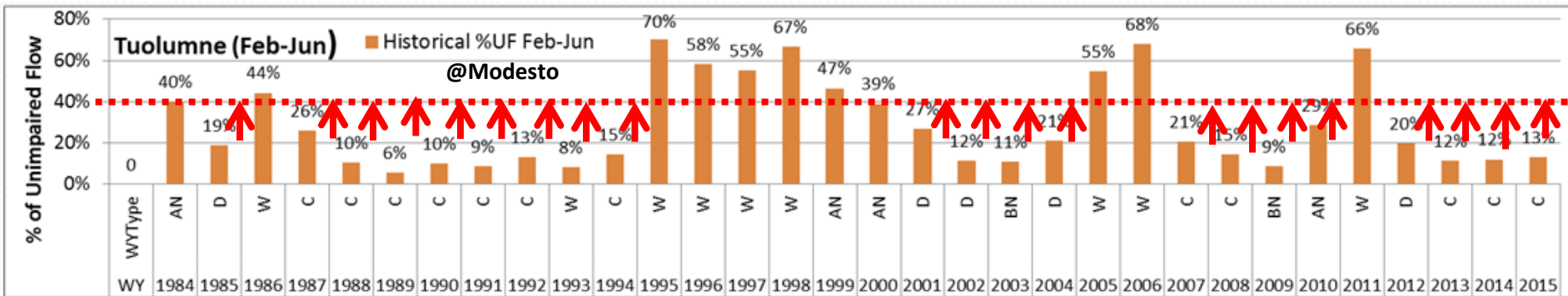
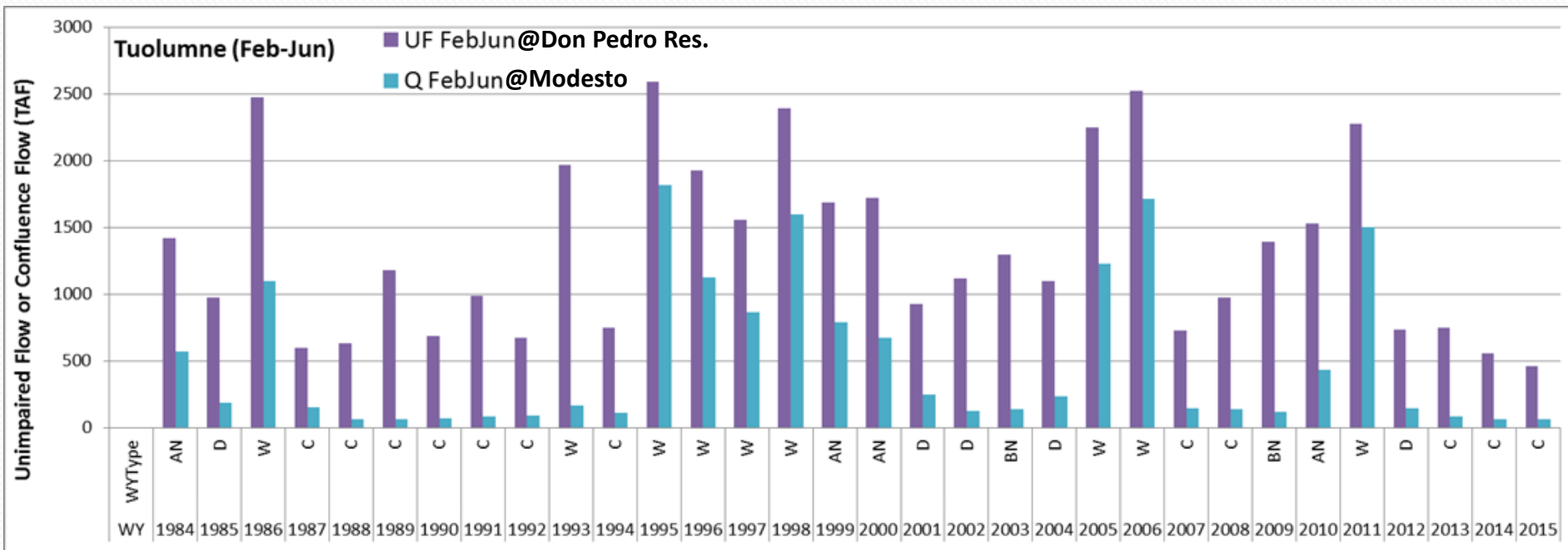




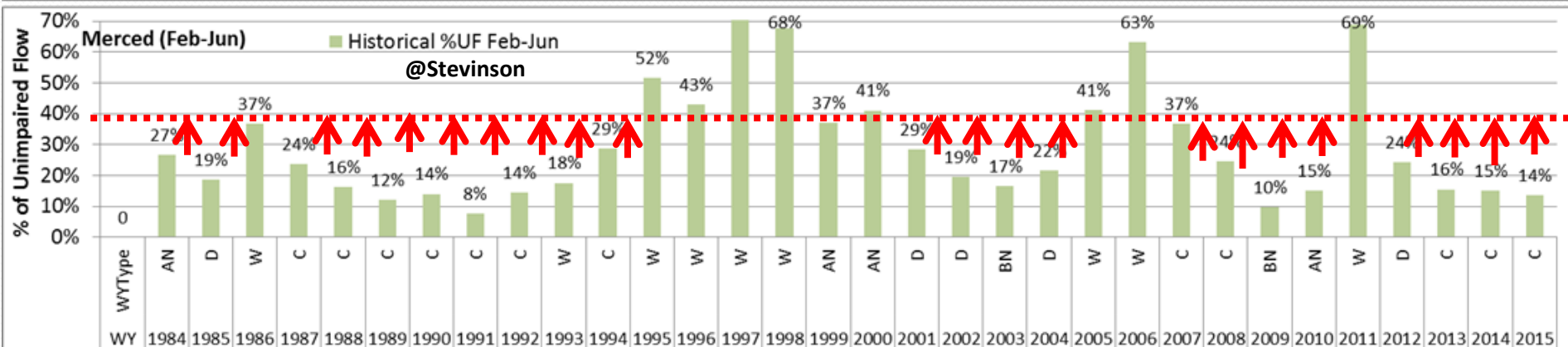
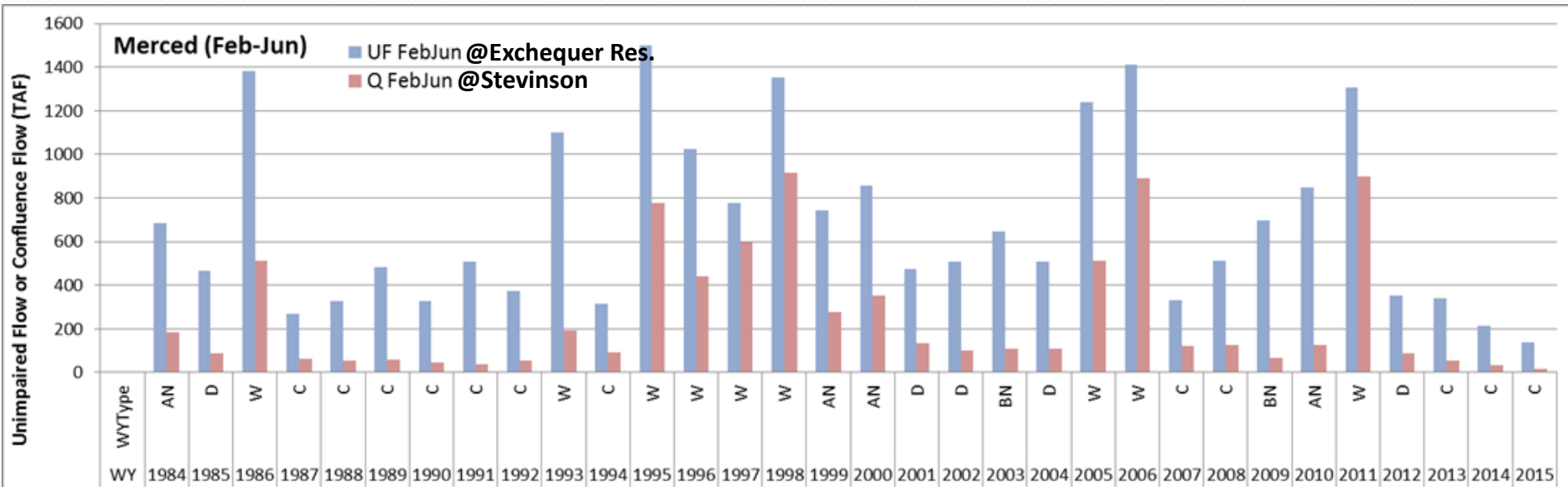
Stanislaus Historical Streamflows



Tuolumne Historical Streamflows



Merced Historical Streamflows



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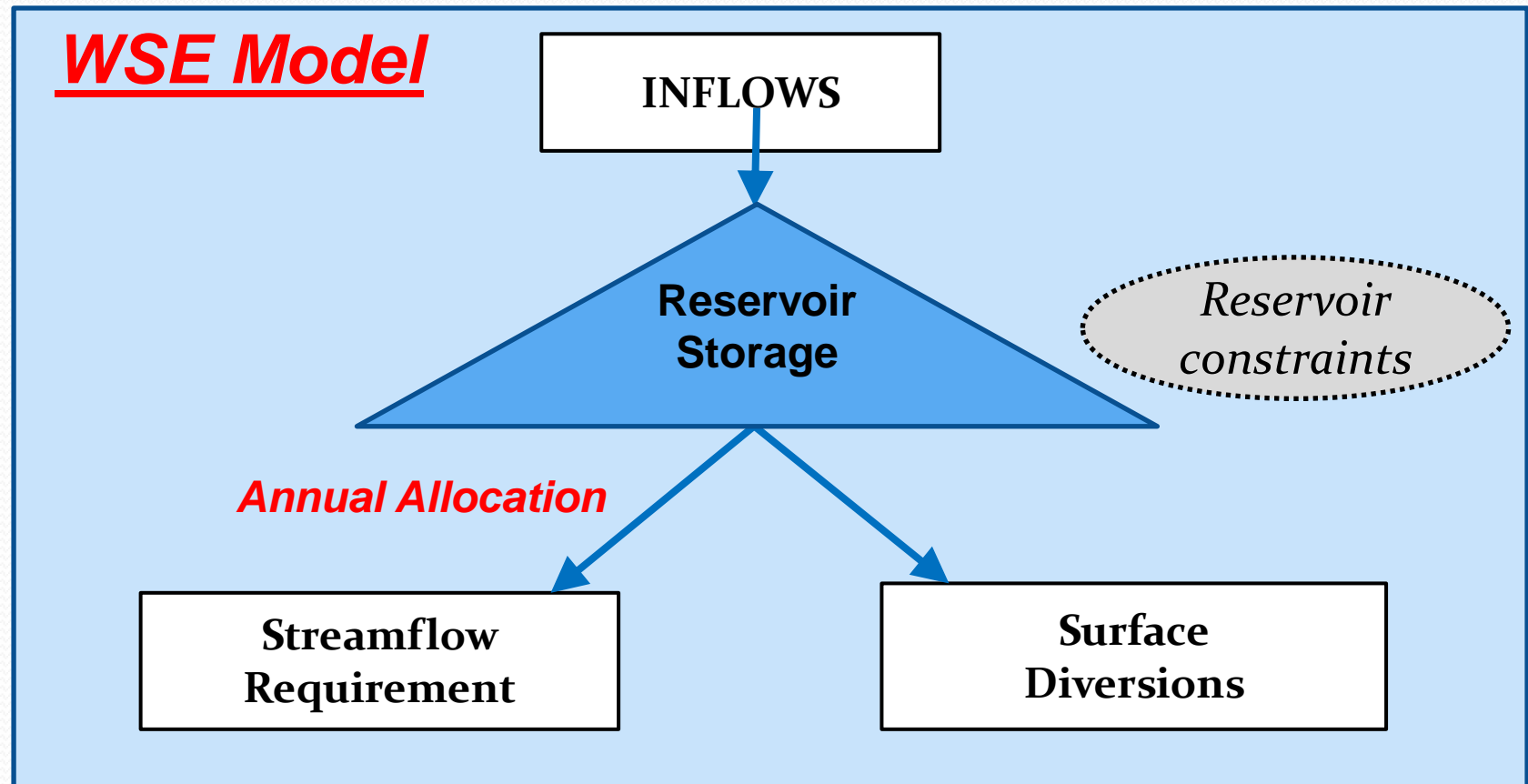
- Excel spreadsheet to evaluate %UF flow alternatives
- Uses CALSIM mass-balance framework
- Water Supply Effects of Unimpaired Flow
 - (20% / 40% / 60%) vs. Baseline Scenario
- Unimpaired flow is not same as inflow!
 - %UF is an index of water supply at the rim dams

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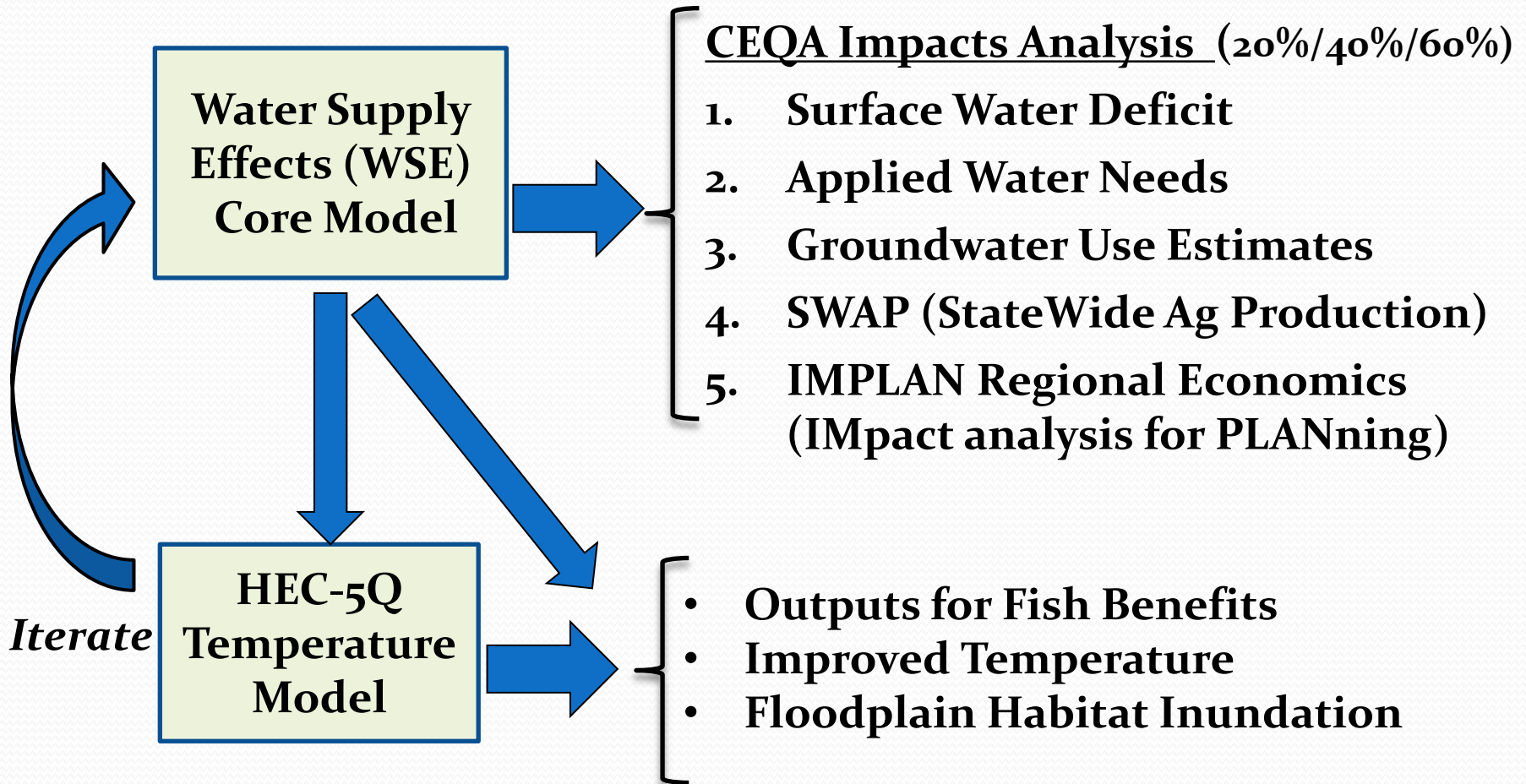
- Allocates water based on demand and availability
 - Growing season: March-September
 - Water Availability:
 - Major Tributary Inflows, Reservoir Storage
 - Reservoir Constraints:
 - Carryover storage guidelines
 - End-of-September Guideline, Percent Draw from Storage
 - Minimum percent allocation
 - Drought refill constraint
 - Limits diversions when high inflow after low storage

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- Allocates surface water based on demand and availability



Modeling Flow Chart



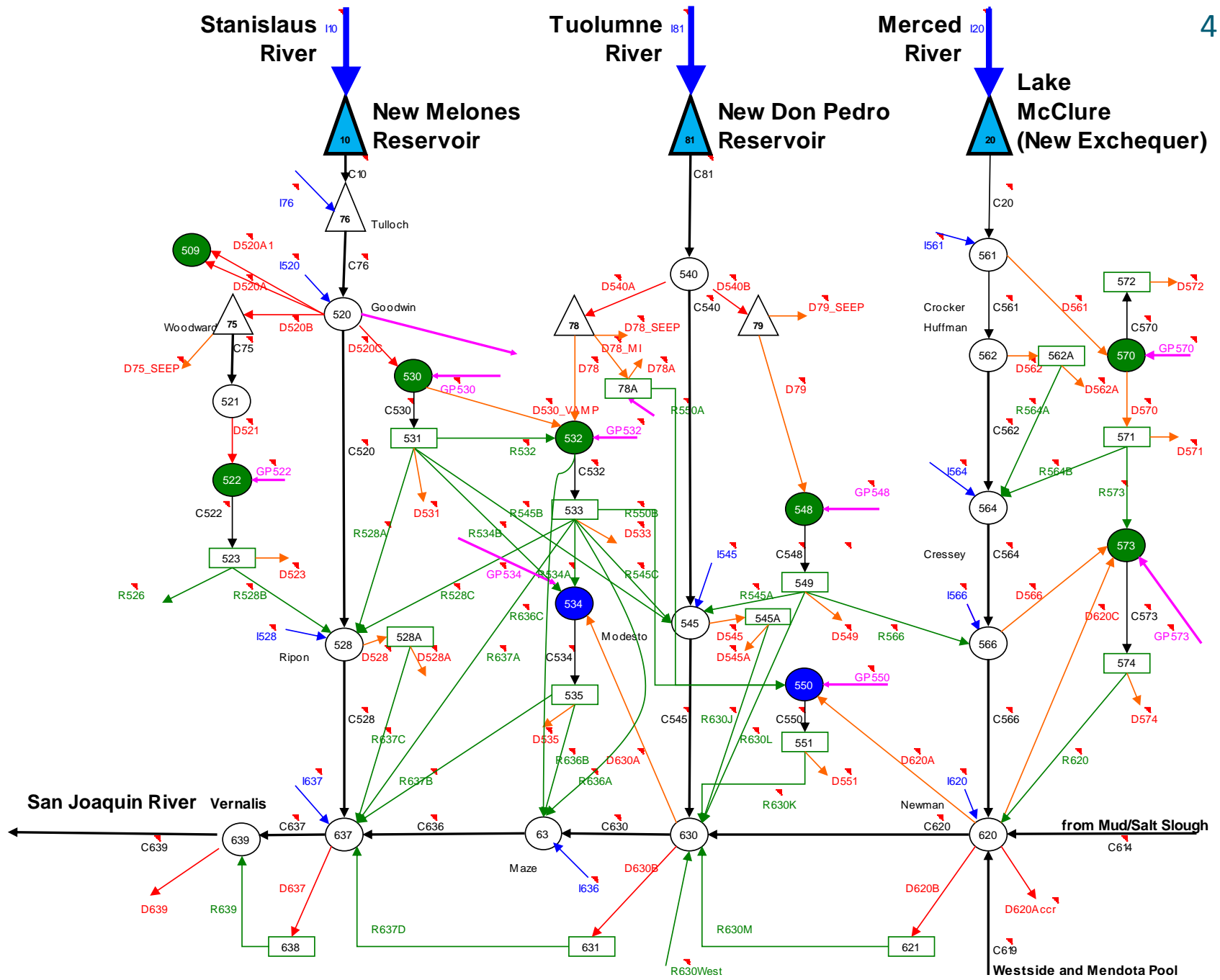
CALSIM II and WSE Model Development

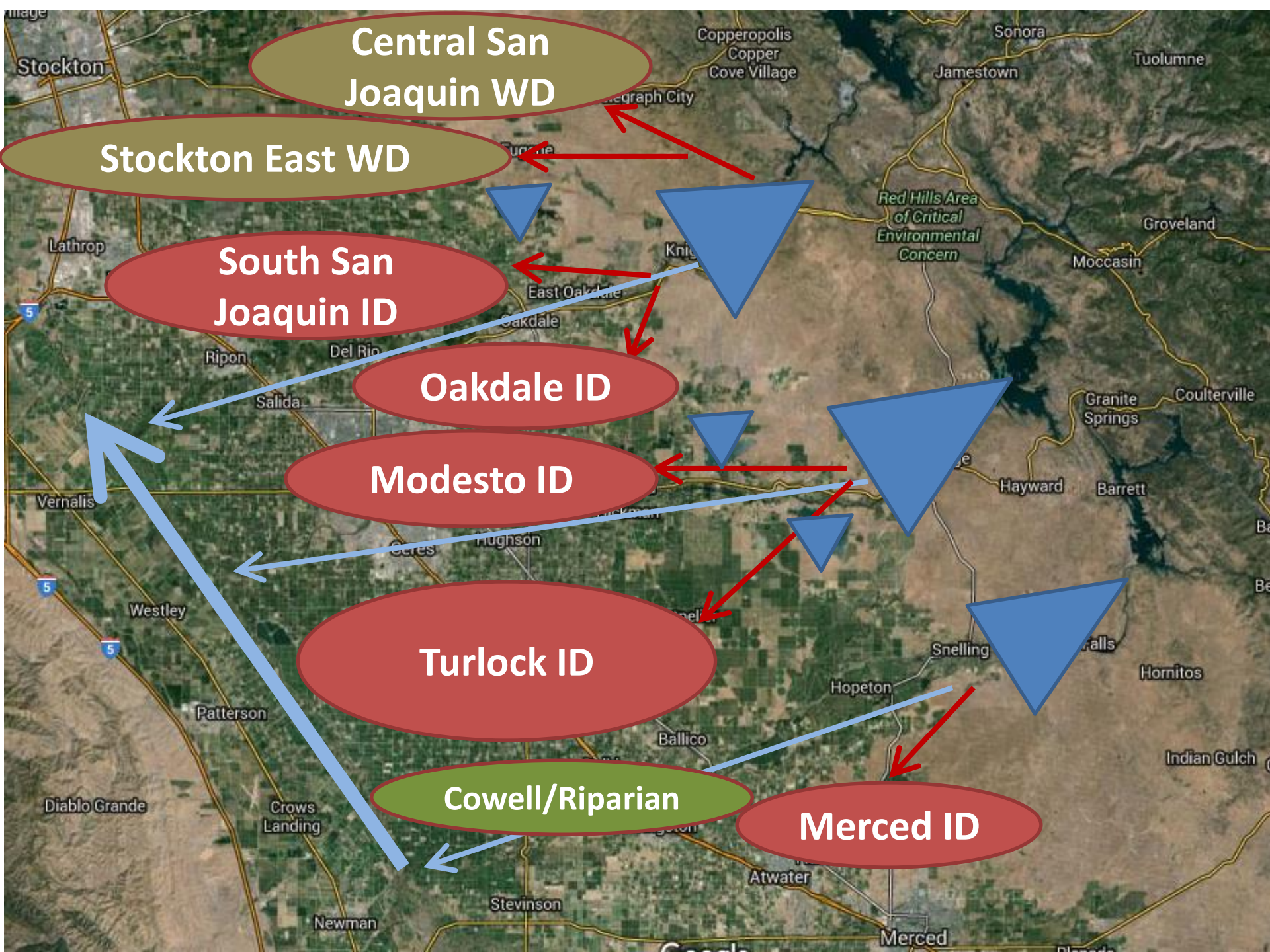
CALSIM II

“San Joaquin River Basin”

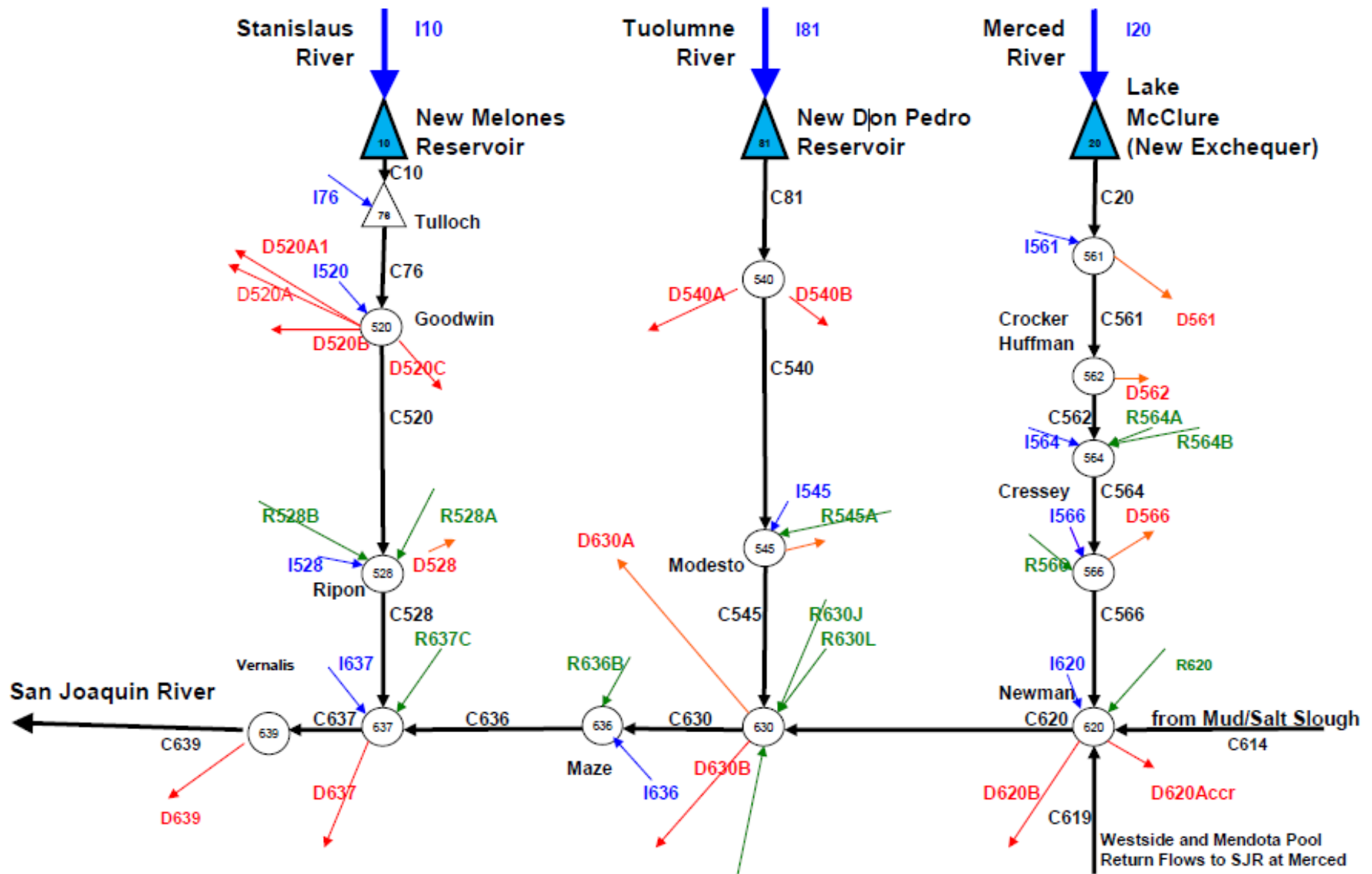
- CALSIM: planning mass-routing framework model
 - CA Dept. of Water Resources and USBR joint development
- SJR representation peer reviewed 2005
- 82 years of monthly record
 - Water Years 1922-2003
- Inflow boundaries at each rim reservoir
- Diversion demands, Allocations, Return Flows
- Local hydrology inflows +/-
- Scenarios based on user specification

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CALSIM II Scenario Used By SWRCB

- SWRCB application for CALSIM Baseline
- Includes Vernalis Adaptive Management Program (VAMP) spring pulse flow targets
- Remainder of D-1641 Requirements at Vernalis (streamflow and salinity)
- BiOp RPA/FERC Requirements at Diversion Dams
 - Goodwin, Lagrange, Crocker-Huffman
- Includes Surface Water Demands for Irrigation Districts
 - Also minor/riparian diversions at each node

CALSIM refinements

- DWR DRR 2009 CALSIM used for 2012 SED
- USBR 2013 CALSIM used for recirculated 2016 SED
 - VAMP pulse flows, double step
 - Biological Opinion - RPA flows on Stanislaus
 - CVP Contractor Allocations: 155 TAF

WSE refinements since 2012

- Continuous Year-round Monthly Reoperation
- Monthly CALSIM Crop Demand (CUAW)
 - Varies between wet/dry years
- Comparison of WSE Baseline vs. WSE Alternative
- Includes FERC & Cowell/Davis-Grunsky flows (Merced)
- Stanislaus 1988 Agreement OID-SSJID/USBR
- AWMP data to characterize efficiencies
 - Translate Crop Demand \leftrightarrow Total Surface Demand

WSE Model – CALSIM Framework

B_WSE_Model_v4.16 - Microsoft Excel

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U
	Calendar Date	Days per month	Calendar Month	Water Year	Water Year Type	Unimpaired Flow	New Melones Reservoir			Reservoir Node 10	Tulloch Reservoir			Reservoir Node 76							Flow Node 520
	CD	DPM	CM	WY	WYT	TAF SUF	+TAF I10	- E10	TAF S10	C10	+TAF I76	- E76	TAF S76	C76	+TAF I520	- D520A	- D520A1	- D520B	- D520C	520%TotD	C520
7	Oct-21	31	10	1922	W	4	31	55	951	1,252	0	10	57	1,454	0	145	0	327	185	98%	797
8	Nov-21	30	11	1922	W	6	34	24	956	464	0	4	57	460	0	103	0	142	16	100%	200
9	Dec-21	31	12	1922	W	25	49	13	982	360	3	2	57	403	0	90	0	117	0	100%	200
10	Jan-22	31	1	1922	W	35	45	12	1,003	373	3	2	57	420	0	76	0	115	0	100%	232
11	Feb-22	28	2	1922	W	107	110	23	1,110	23	22	4	57	412	2	76	0	129	0	100%	236
12	Mar-22	31	3	1922	W	103	96	34	1,185	317	8	5	59	424	1	85	0	149	0	100%	200
13	Apr-22	30	4	1922	W	170	113	53	1,146	2,506	6	8	62	2,528	0	118	0	612	293	99%	1,512
14	May-22	31	5	1922	W	495	370	94	1,332	2,889	2	15	67	2,830	0	299	0	863	388	96%	1,282
15	Jun-22	30	6	1922	W	378	374	138	1,566	2,212	0	21	67	2,198	0	458	0	978	399	96%	363
16	Jul-22	31	7	1922	W	87	92	165	1,512	2,209	0	24	67	2,185	0	501	0	989	429	96%	265
17	Aug-22	31	8	1922	W	17	44	149	1,421	2,060	0	22	67	2,038	0	385	0	952	419	97%	283
18	Sep-22	30	9	1922	W	4	31	112	1,364	1,358	0	17	63	1,400	0	227	0	597	326	97%	250
19	Oct-22	31	10	1923	AN	6	28	64	1,313	1,226	0	9	57	1,322	0	138	0	253	158	99%	774
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23	Feb-23	28	2	1923	AN	55	65	29	1,494	337	5	4	57	427	0	76	0	129	0	100%	229
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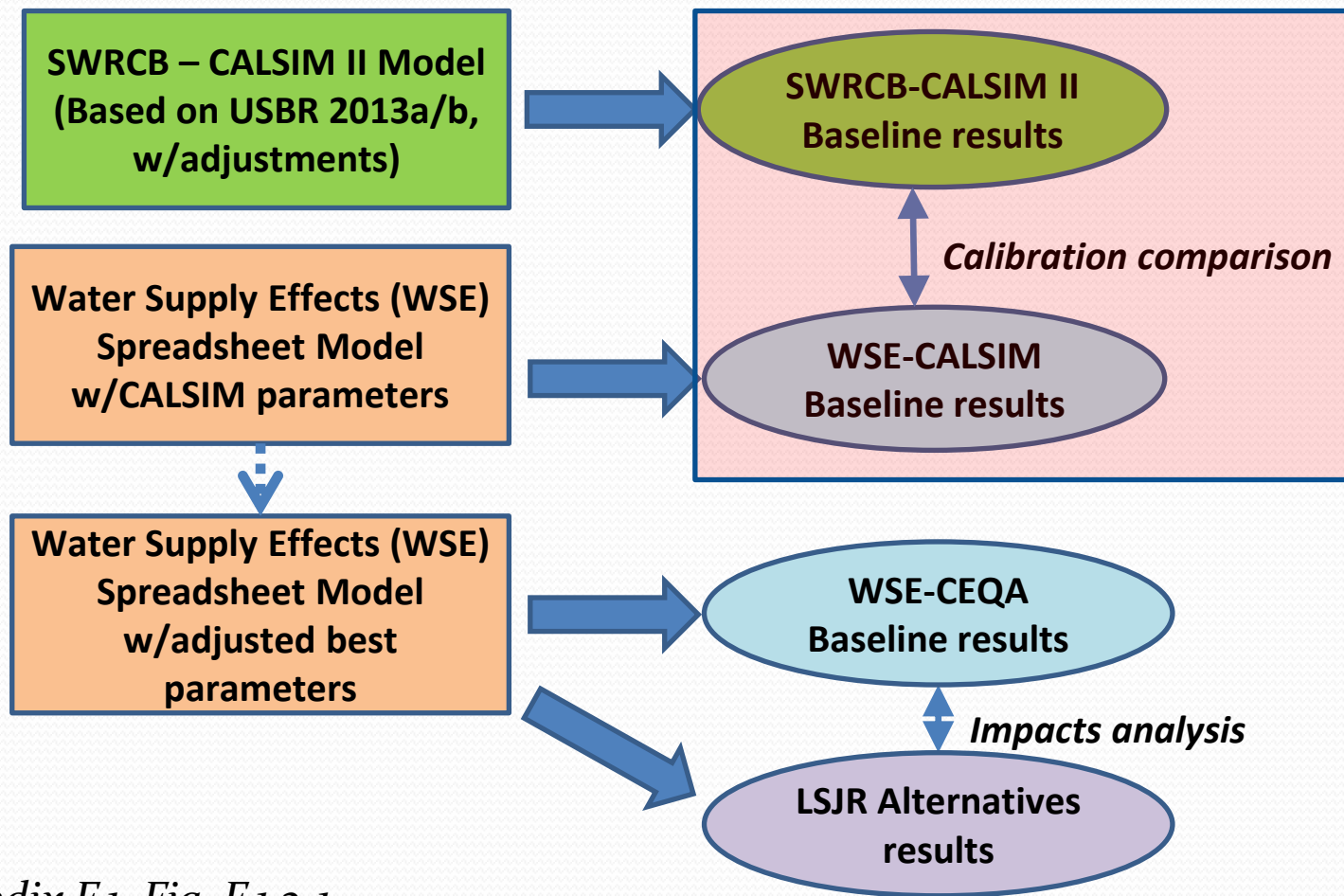
SJR_Flow(Estimate2) SJR_Flow(Final) CUAW-CALSIM Stan-CALSIM Tuol-CALSIM Merc-CALSIM S1

Ready 85%

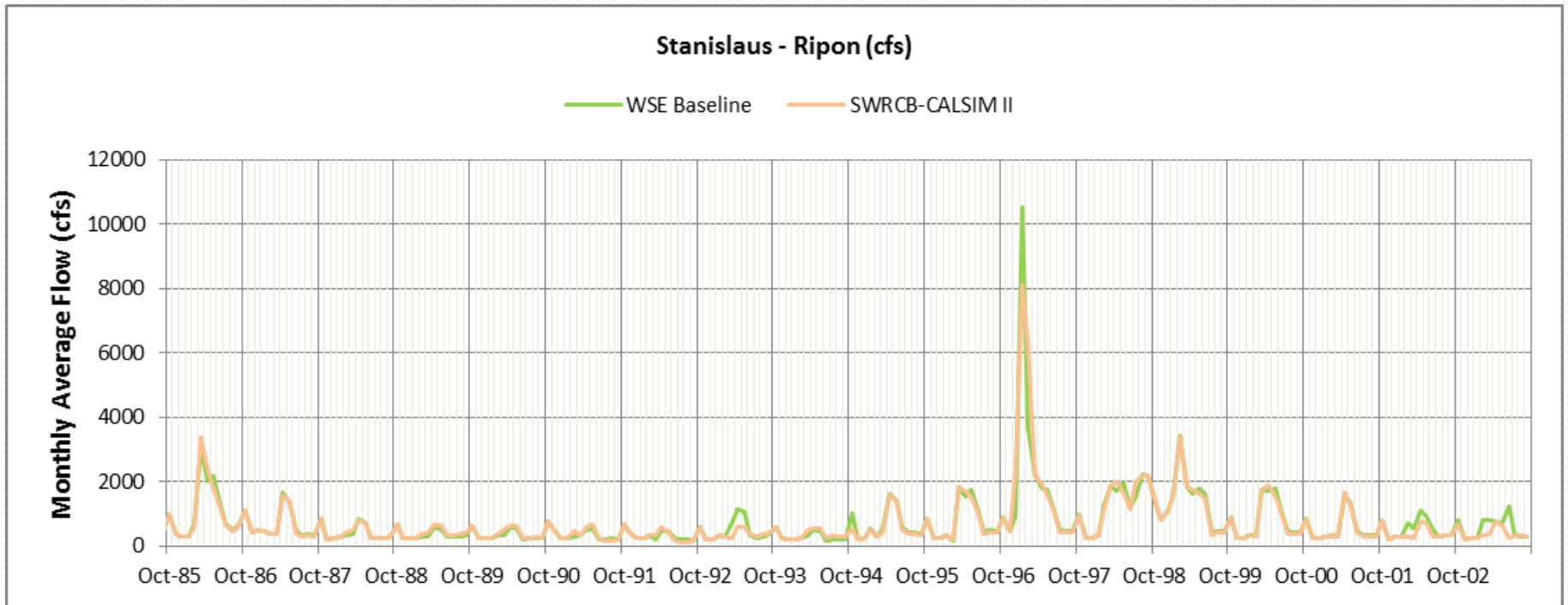
Modeling Comparative Analysis

- Compares water supply scenarios for 82-year period
 - Baseline – ~2009 Existing Environment
 - D-1641 requirements + VAMP
 - Biological Opinion Streamflow requirements
 - FERC Streamflow requirements
 - Alternatives
 - 20% / 40% / 60% Unimpaired Flow
 - February through June
 - Shifting of flow to other months

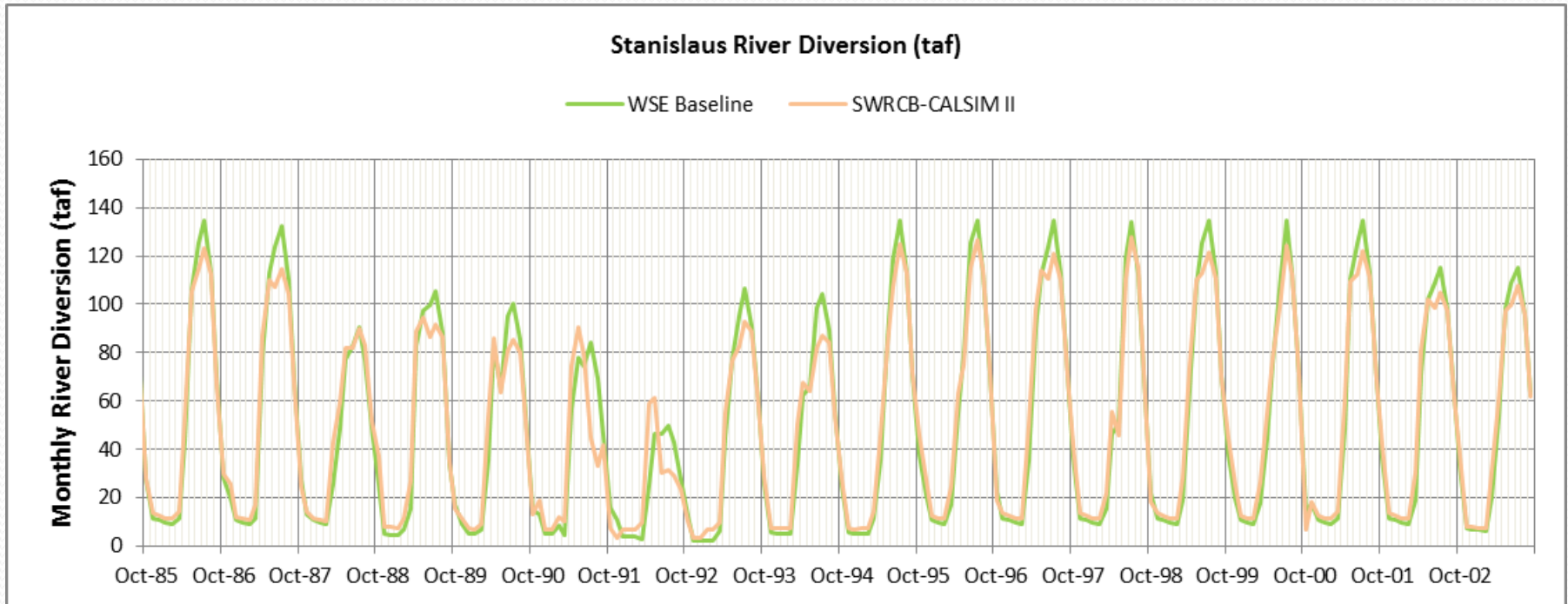
Model comparisons & scenarios



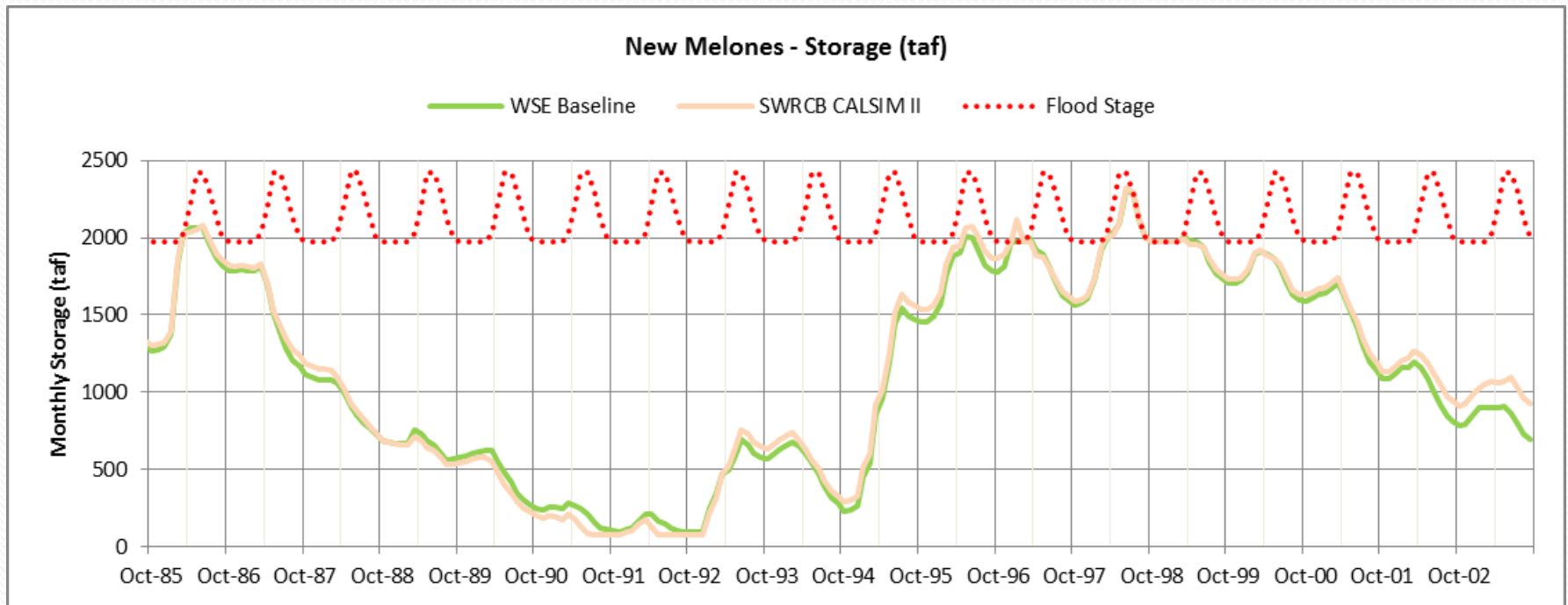
Stanislaus WSE Baseline vs. CALSIM: Monthly Streamflow (WY 1986-2003)



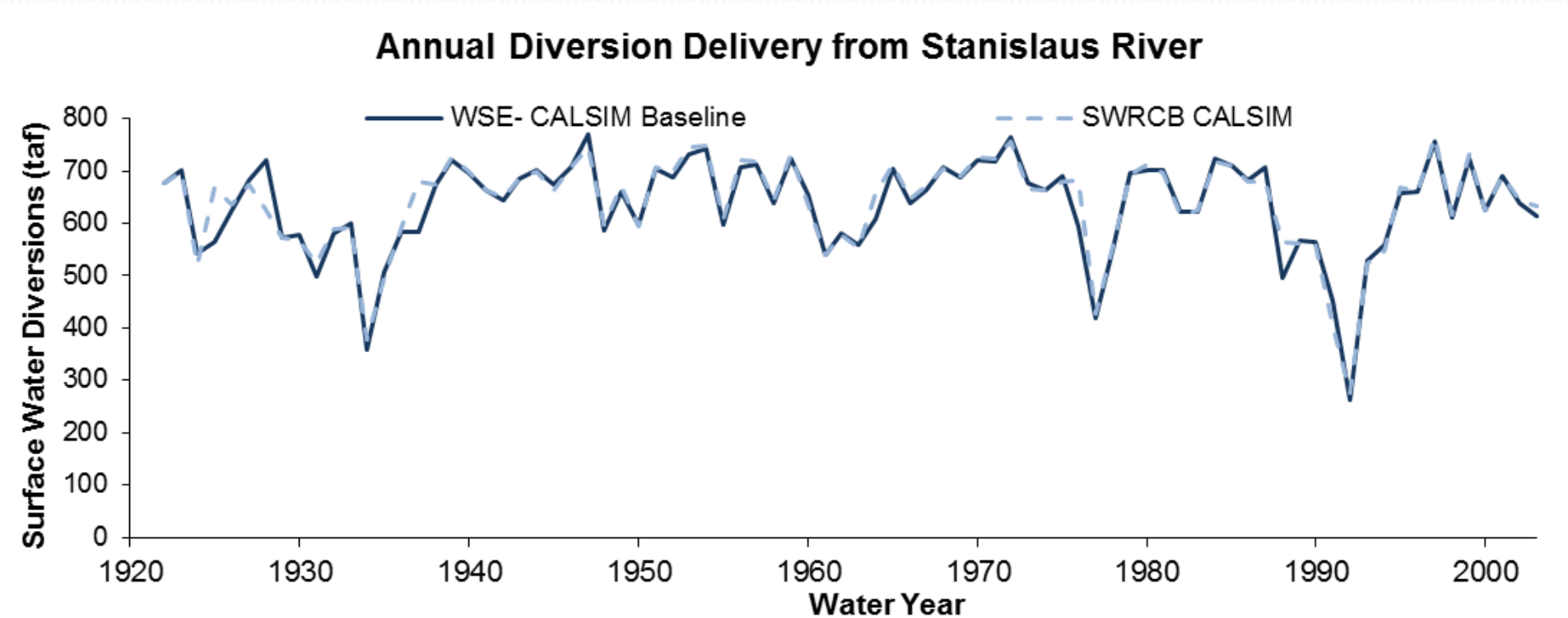
Stanislaus WSE Baseline vs. CALSIM: Monthly Total Diversions (WY 1986-2003)



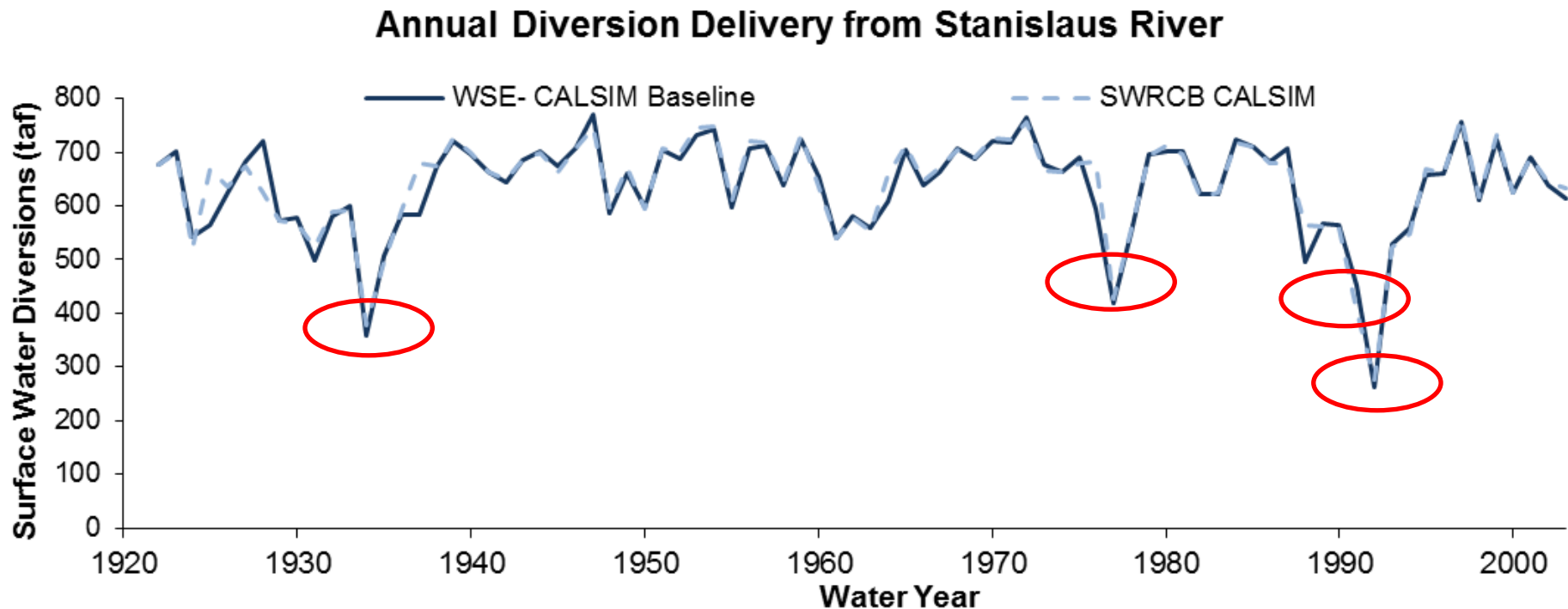
Stanislaus WSE Baseline vs. CALSIM: Monthly Reservoir Storage Condition (WY 1986-2003)



Stanislaus WSE Baseline vs. CALSIM: Annual Total Diversions (WY 1922-2003)

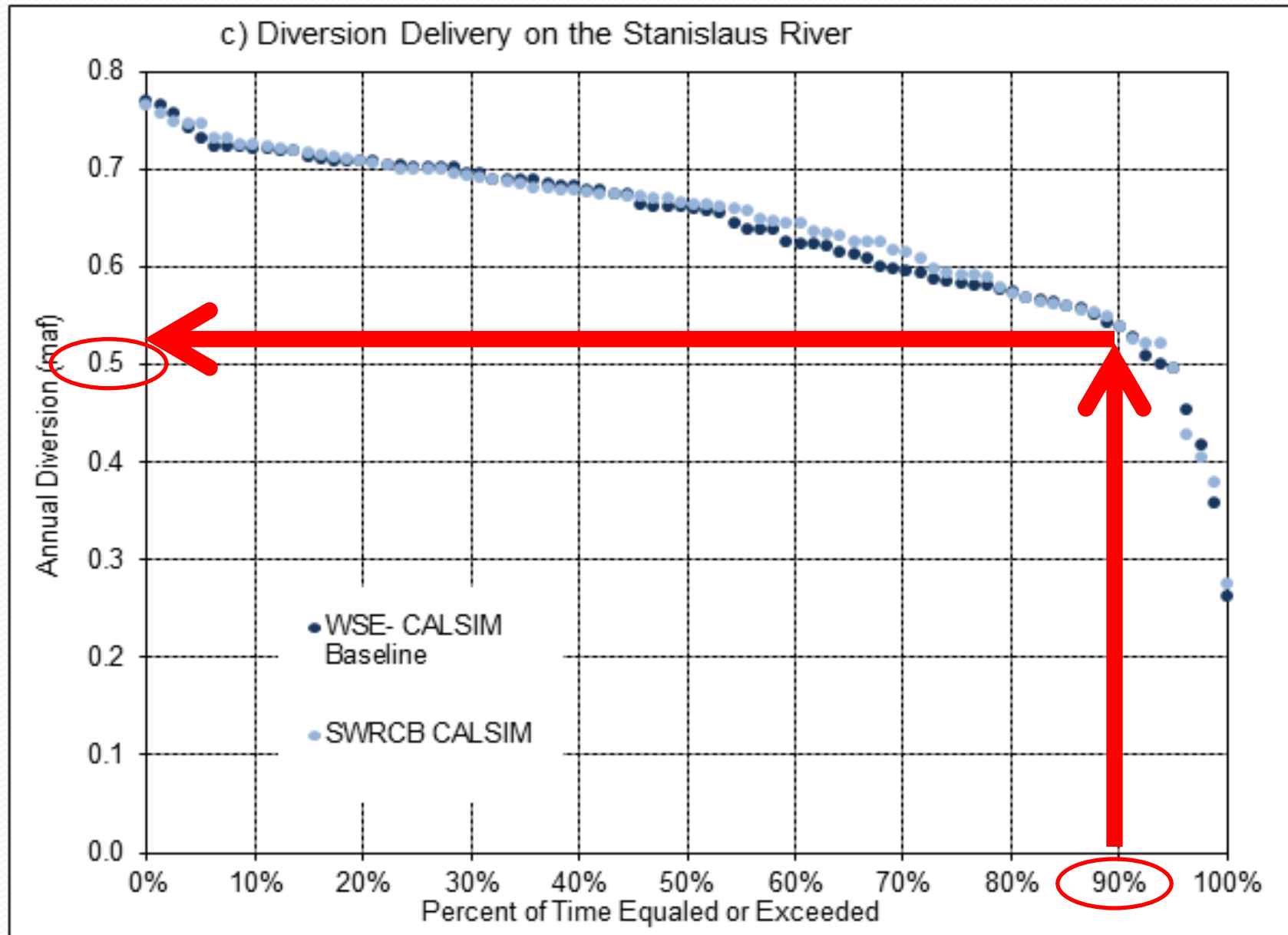


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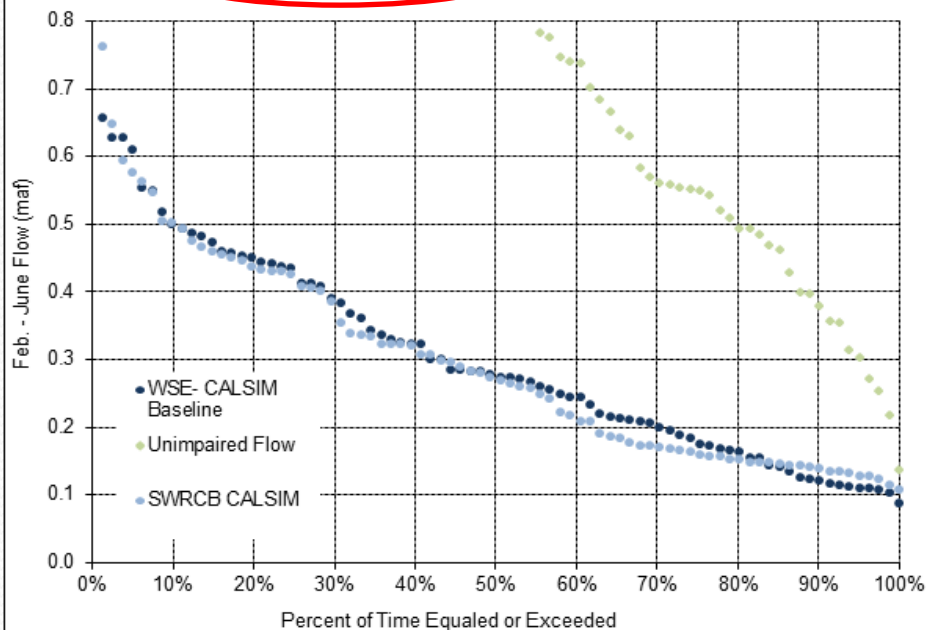


How to Read Exceedence Plots

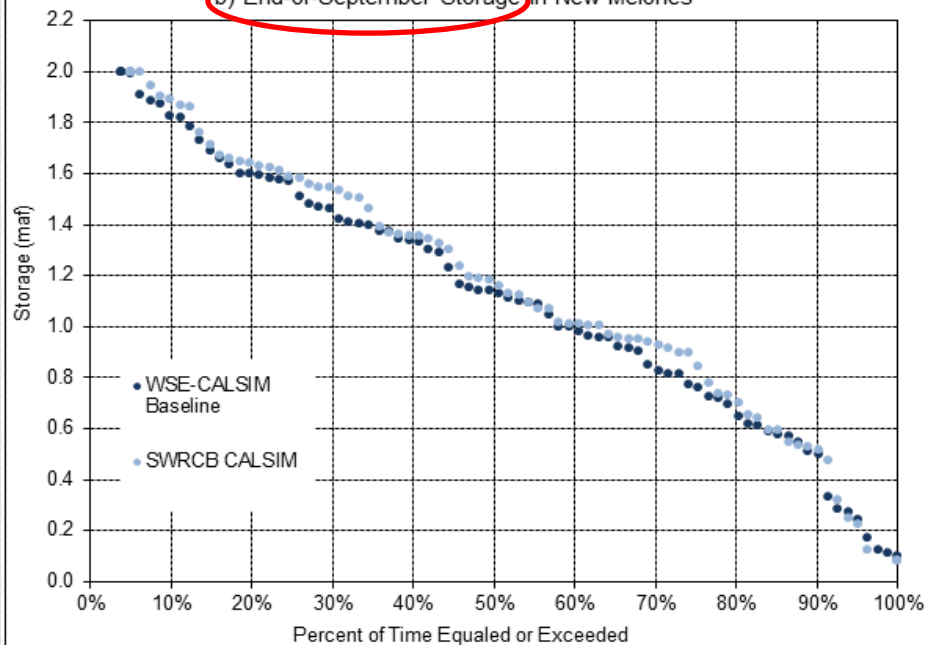
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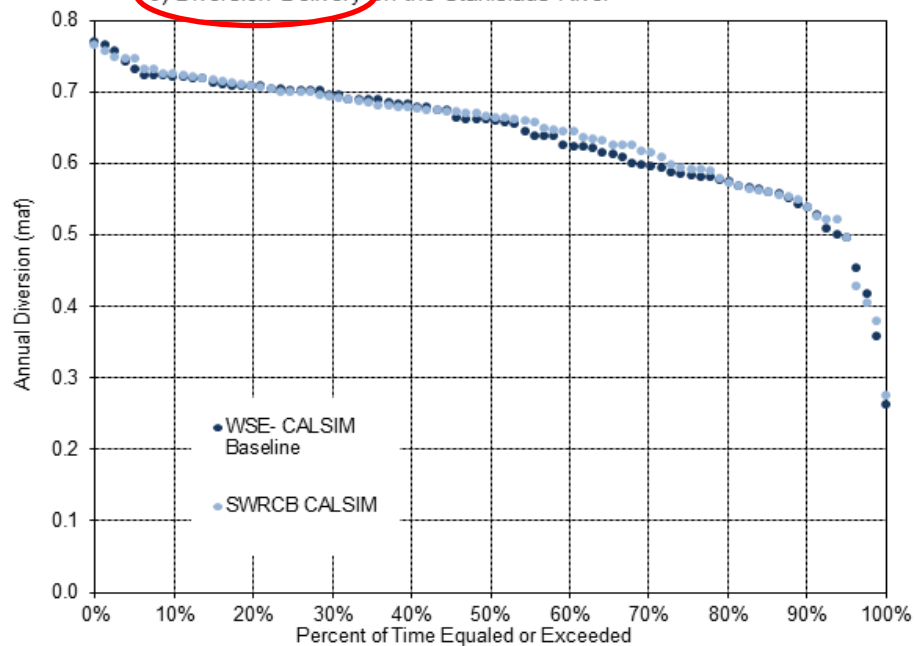
a) February through June Flows on the Stanislaus River



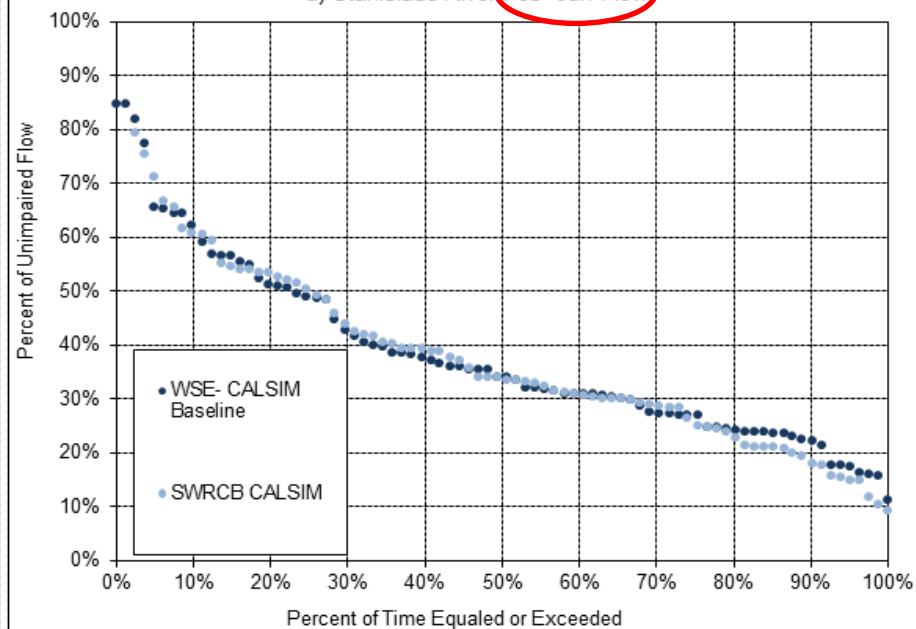
b) End-of-September Storage in New Melones



c) Diversion Delivery on the Stanislaus River

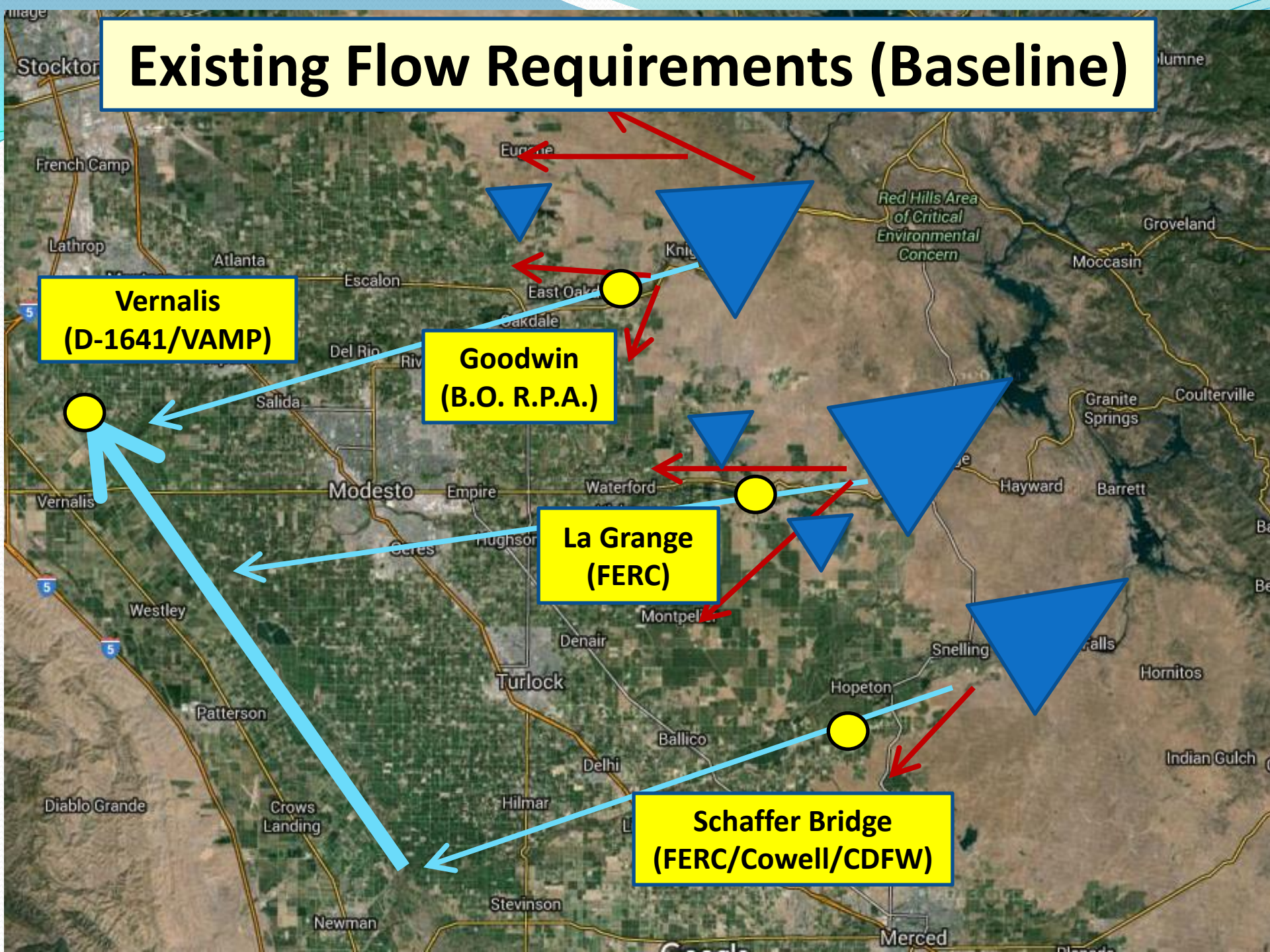


d) Stanislaus River Feb- Jun Flow

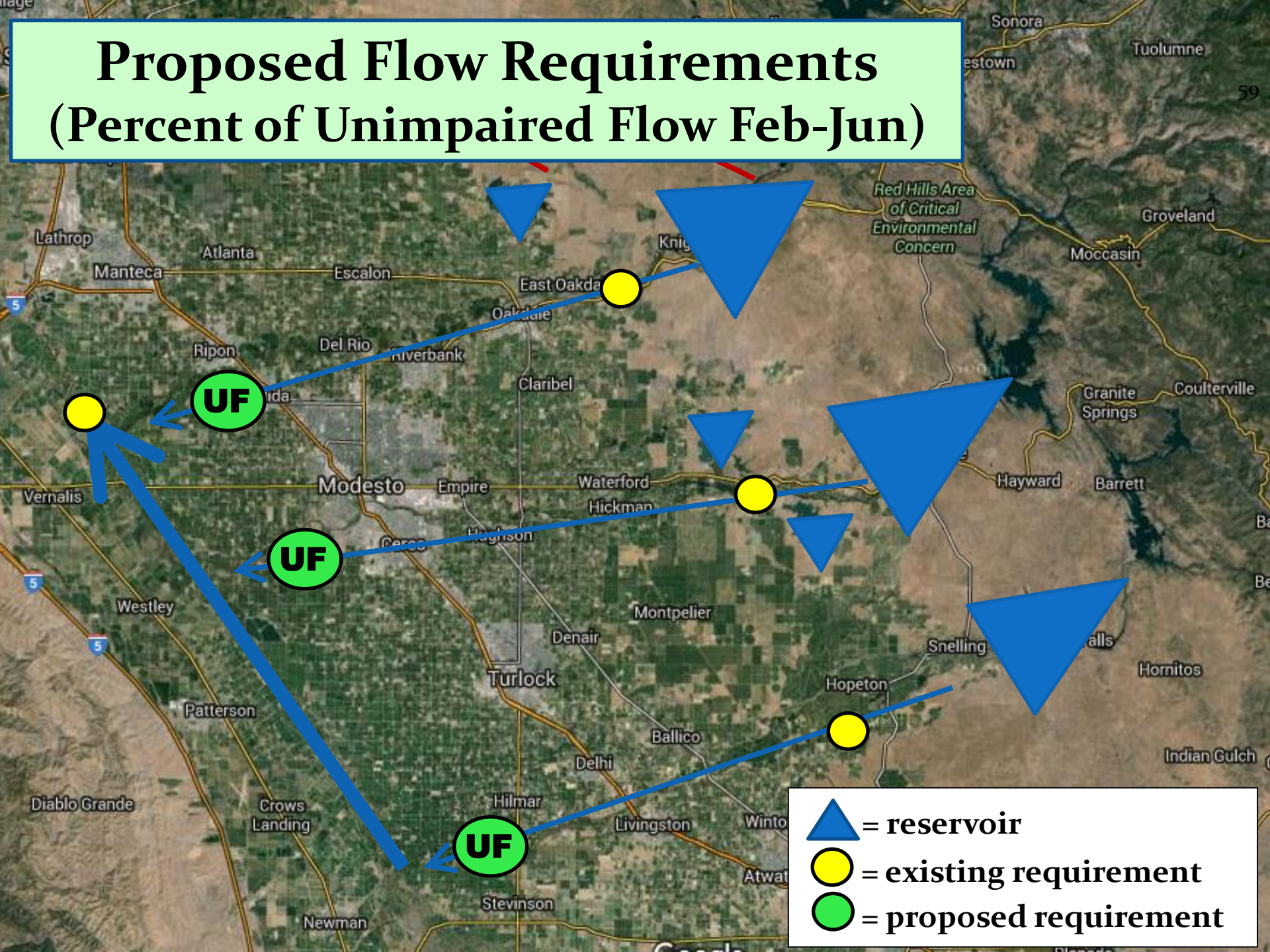


Instream Flow Requirements

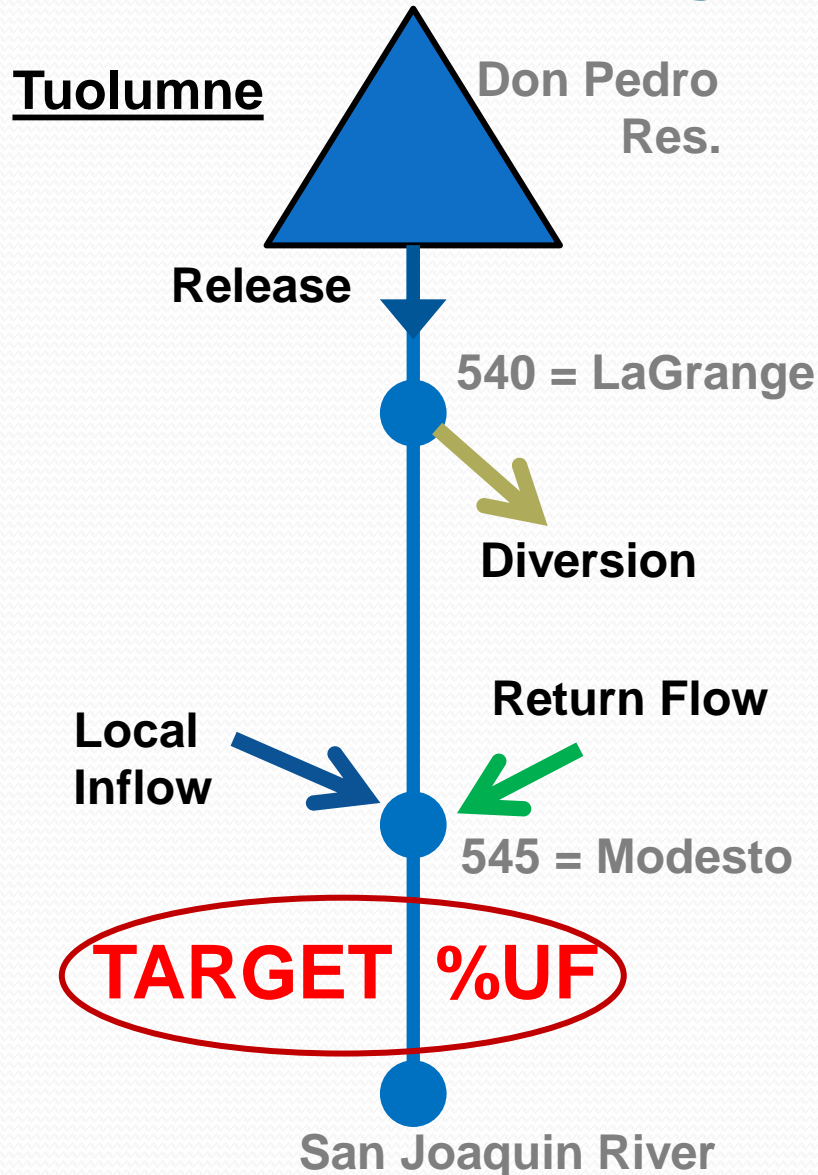
Existing Flow Requirements (Baseline)



Proposed Flow Requirements (Percent of Unimpaired Flow Feb-Jun)

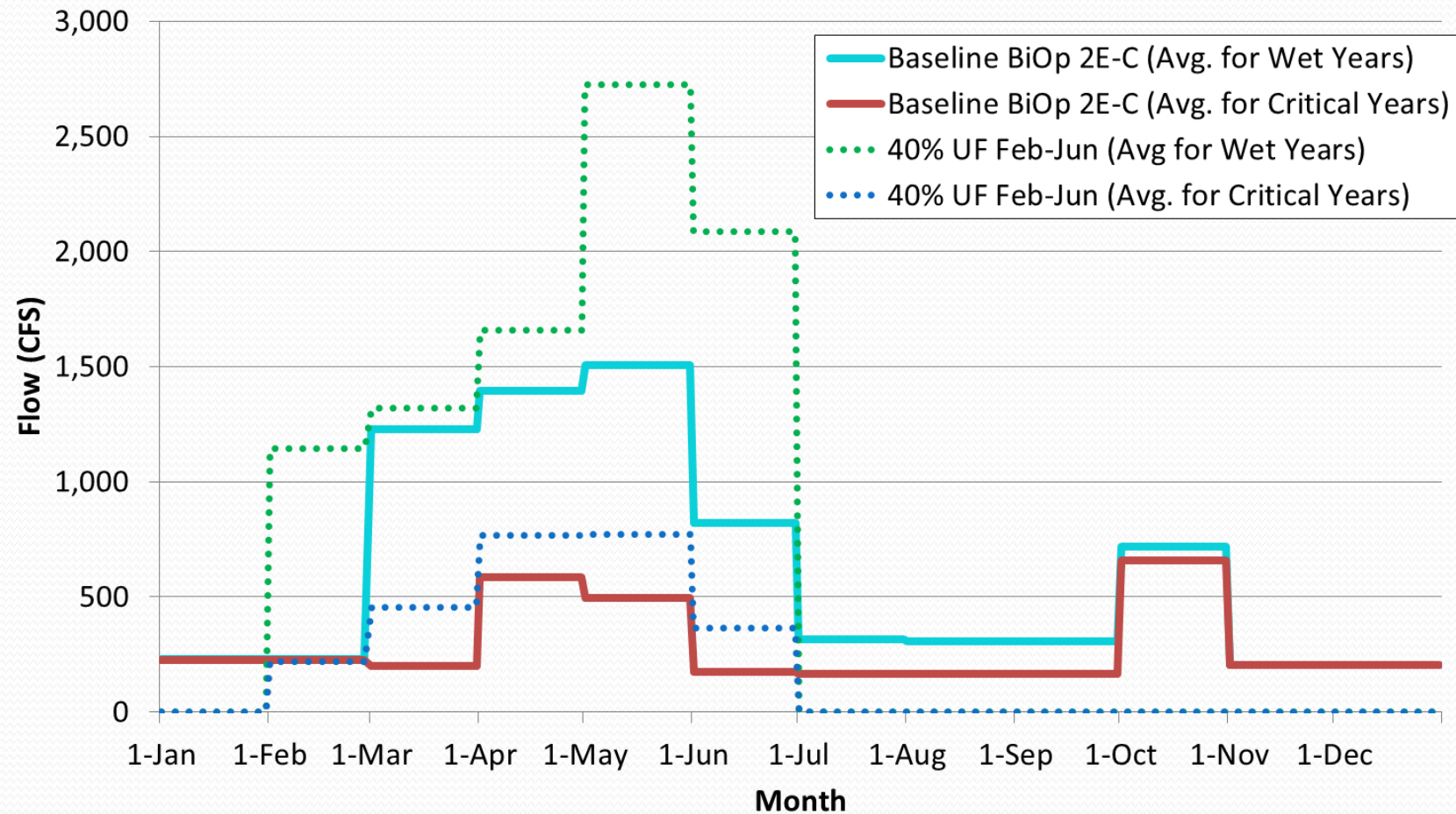


Streamflow target allocation

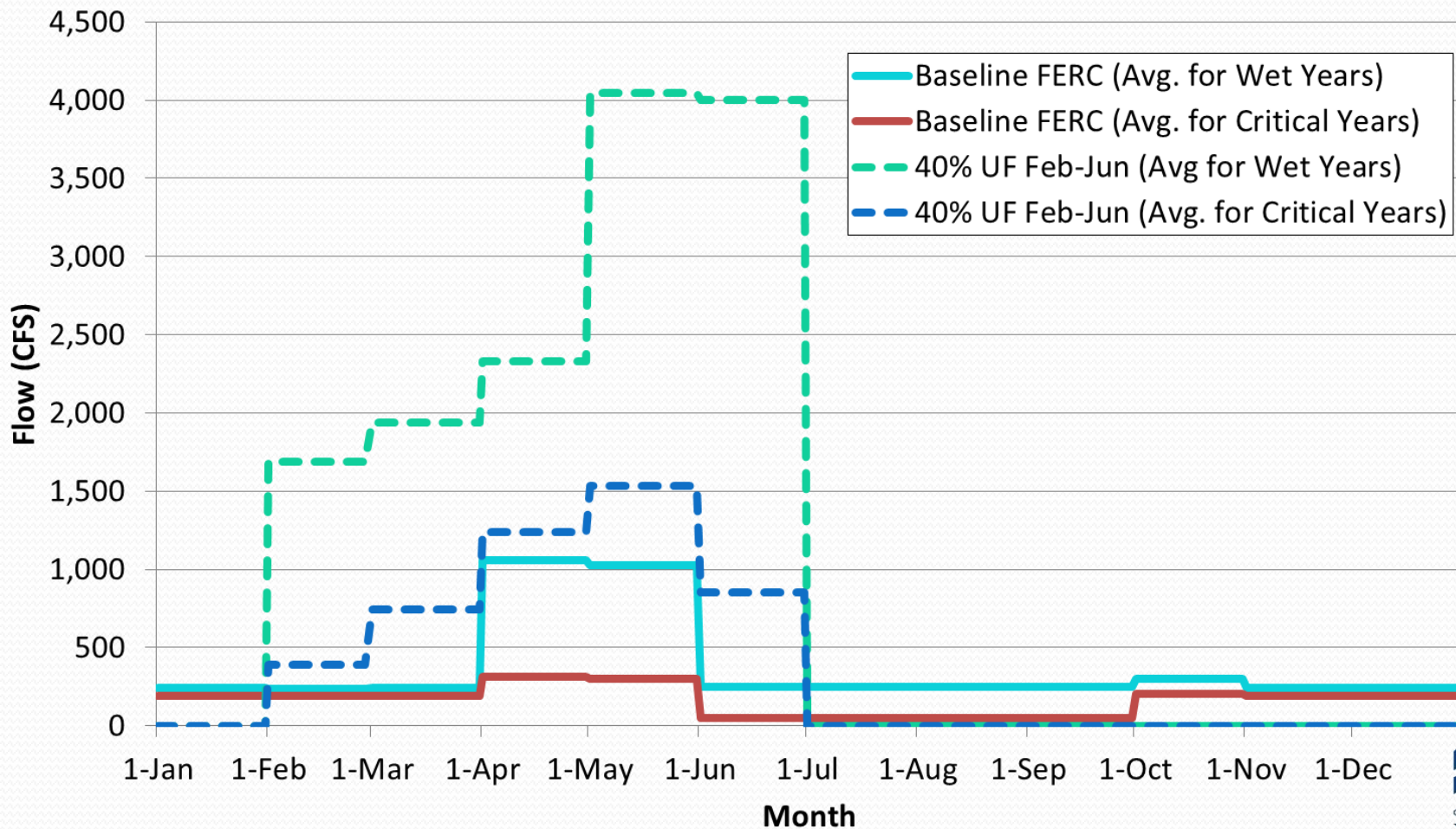


1. Calculate Available Water
 - from All Inflows (including Return and Local Inflows)
2. Calculate Diversions Available
3. Reservoir Release to meet Target

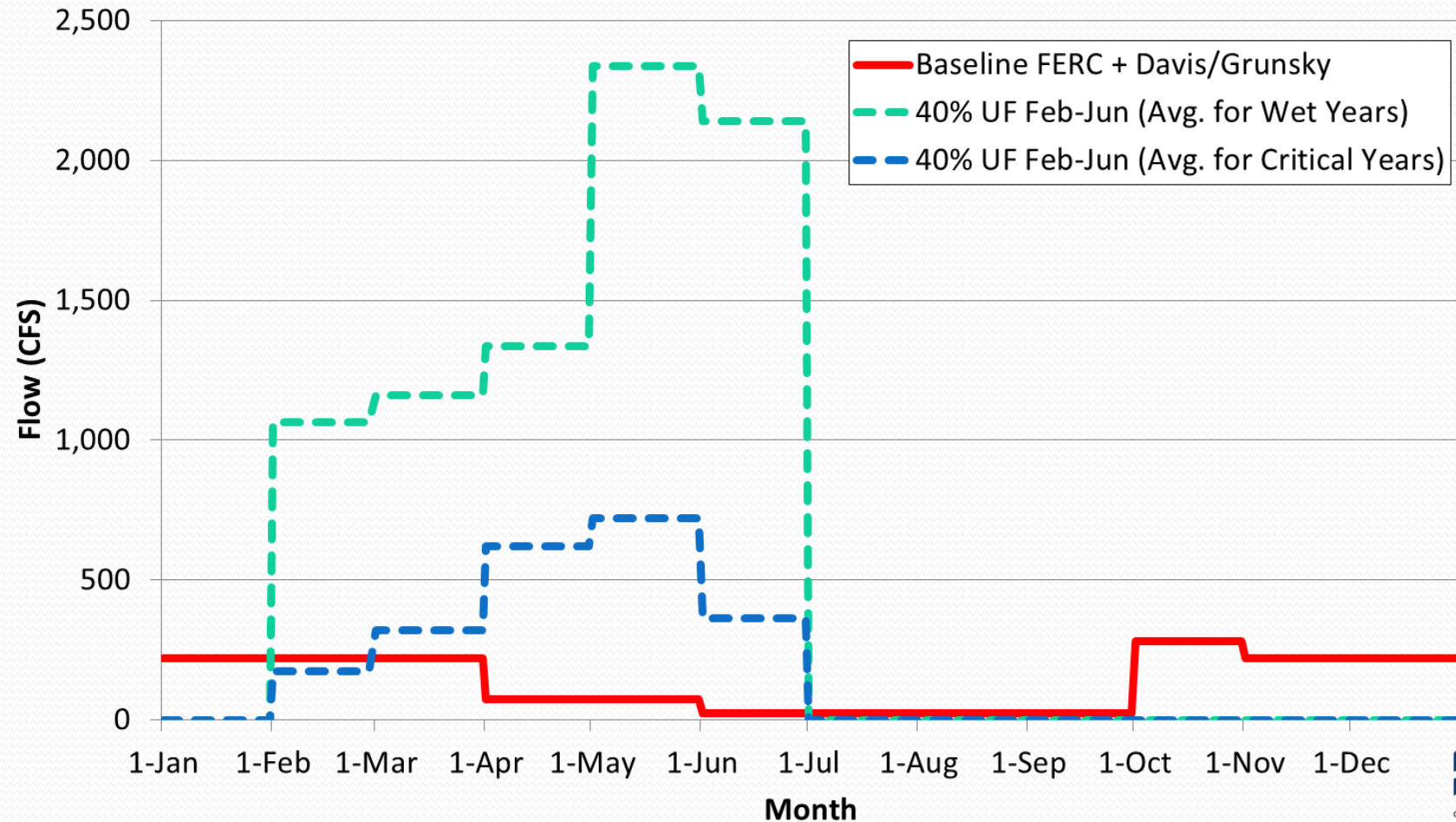
Stanislaus Instream Flow Requirements



Tuolumne Instream Flow Requirements



Merced Instream Flow Requirements



VAMP Implementation

Table F.1.2-9. VAMP Minimum Pulse Flow Requirements in the SJR at Airport Way Bridge near Vernalis

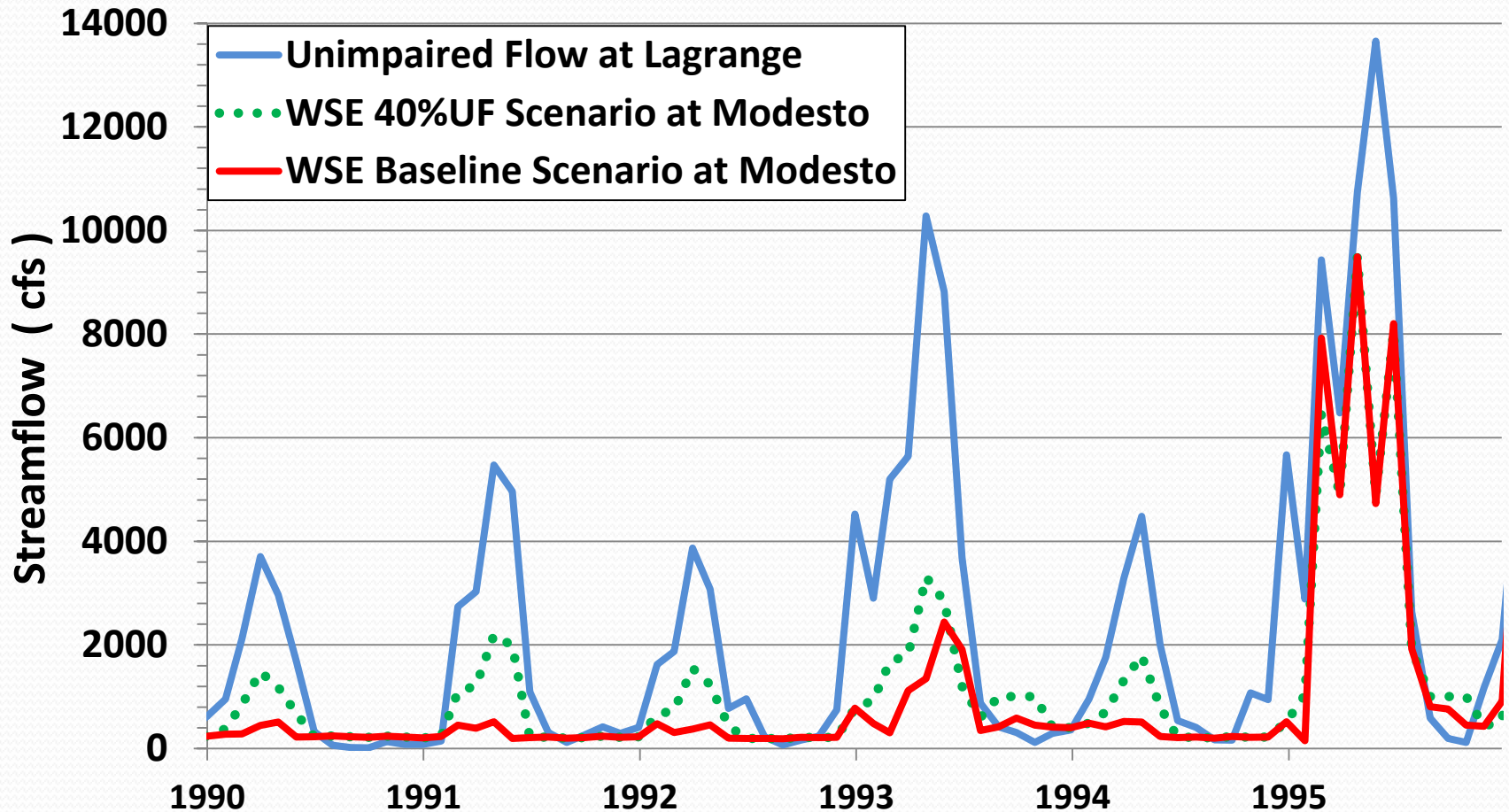
SJ 60-20-20 Water Year Type ²	Minimum Monthly Flow (TAF) by San Joaquin Basin (60-20-20) Water Year Type		
	60-20-20 Index Indicator Value (cfs)	Existing Flow (cfs)	VAMP Pulse Target Flow (April 15–May 15) ¹ (cfs)
C	1	0–1,999	2000
D	2	2,000–3,199	3,200
BN	3	3,200–4,449	4,450
AN	4	4,450–5,699	5,700
W	5	5,700–7,000	7,000

Notes:

¹ According to San Joaquin River Agreement, if the sum of current year's index and previous year's index is 7 or greater, a double step is required (next highest target level); if less than 4, no target is required (USBR and SJRGA 1999).

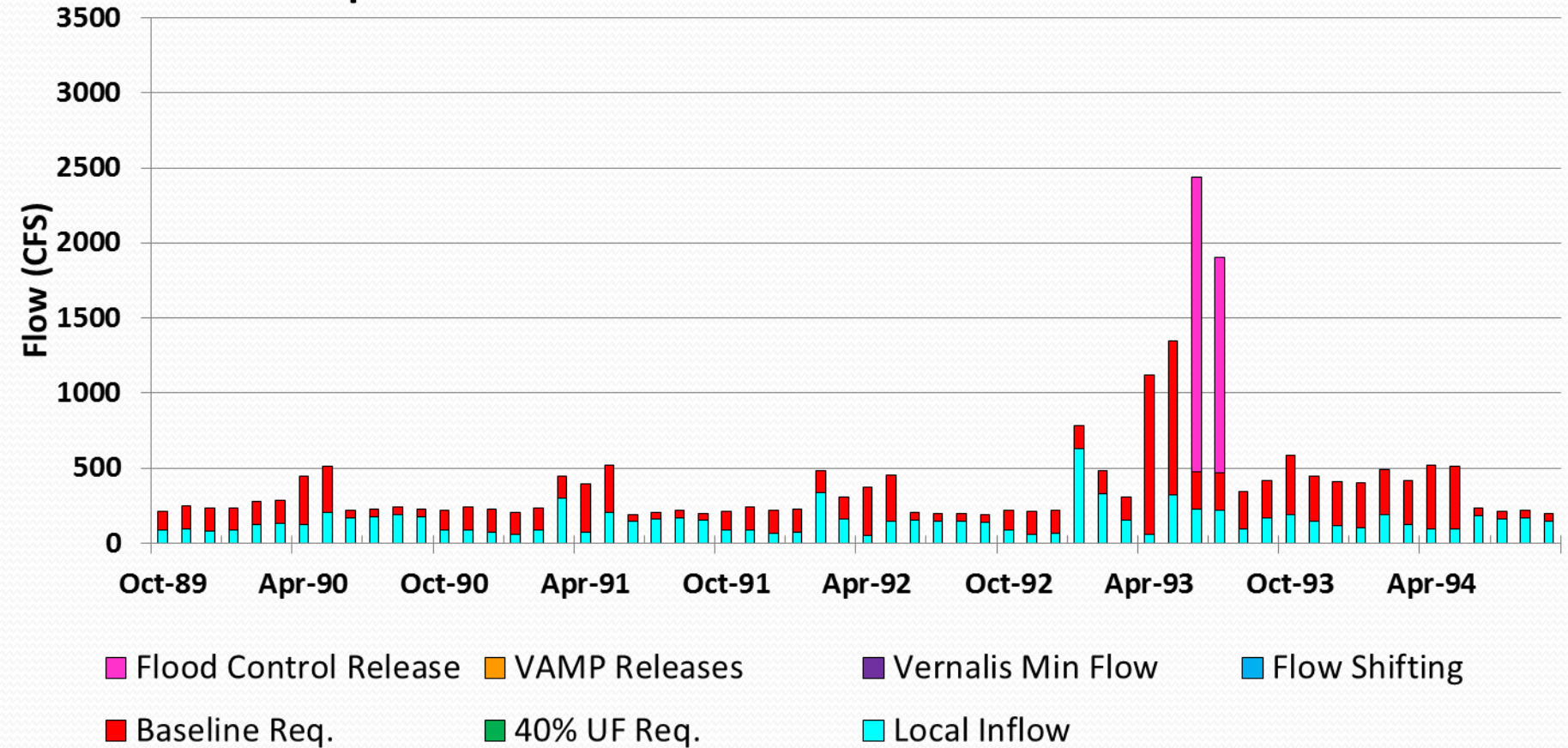
² San Joaquin Valley water year type index (60-20-20) as defined by D-1641 (SWRCB 2000).

Tuolumne River Flows (1990-1995)



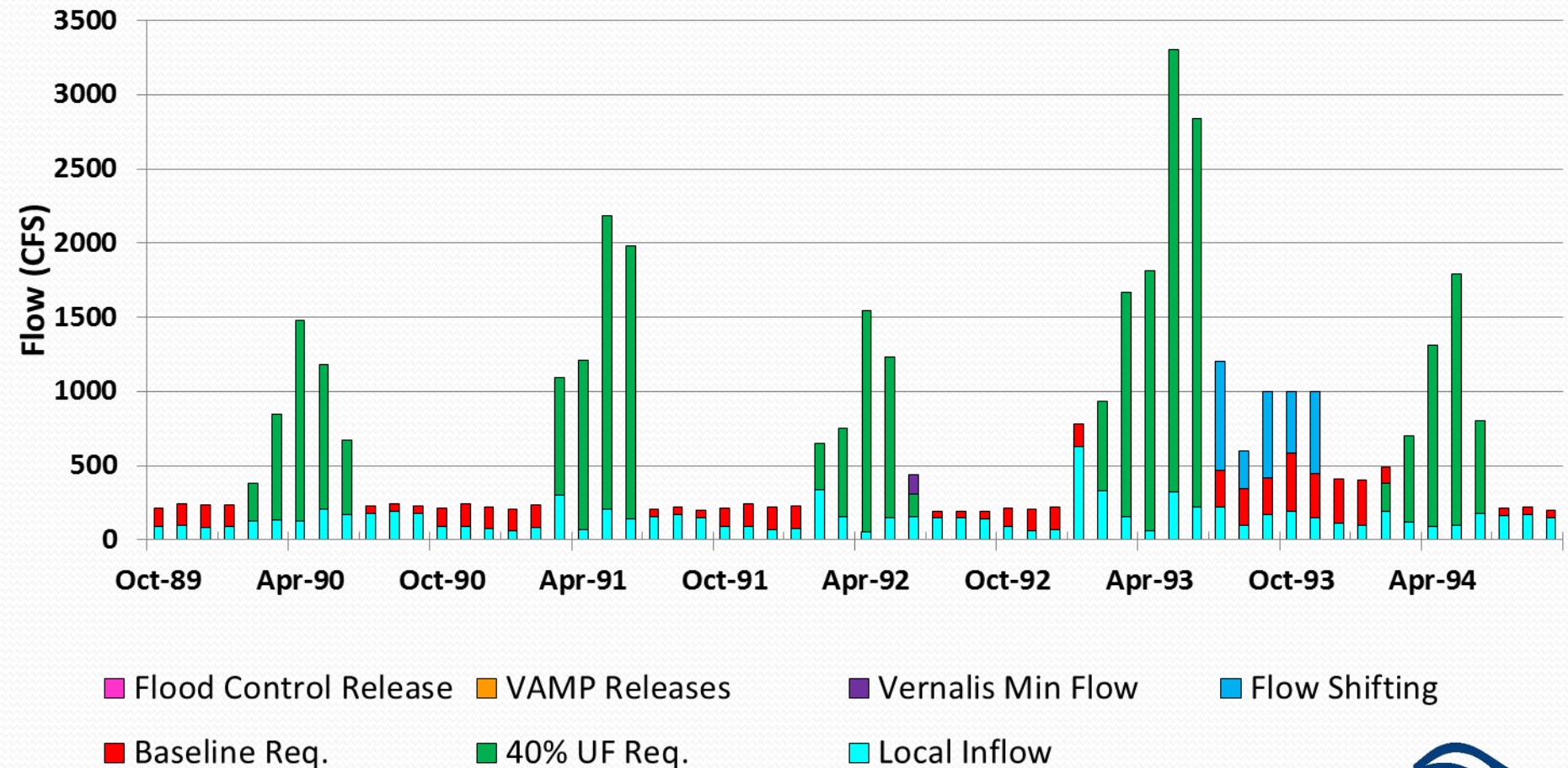
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Components of Instream Flow - Tuolumne R. at Modesto

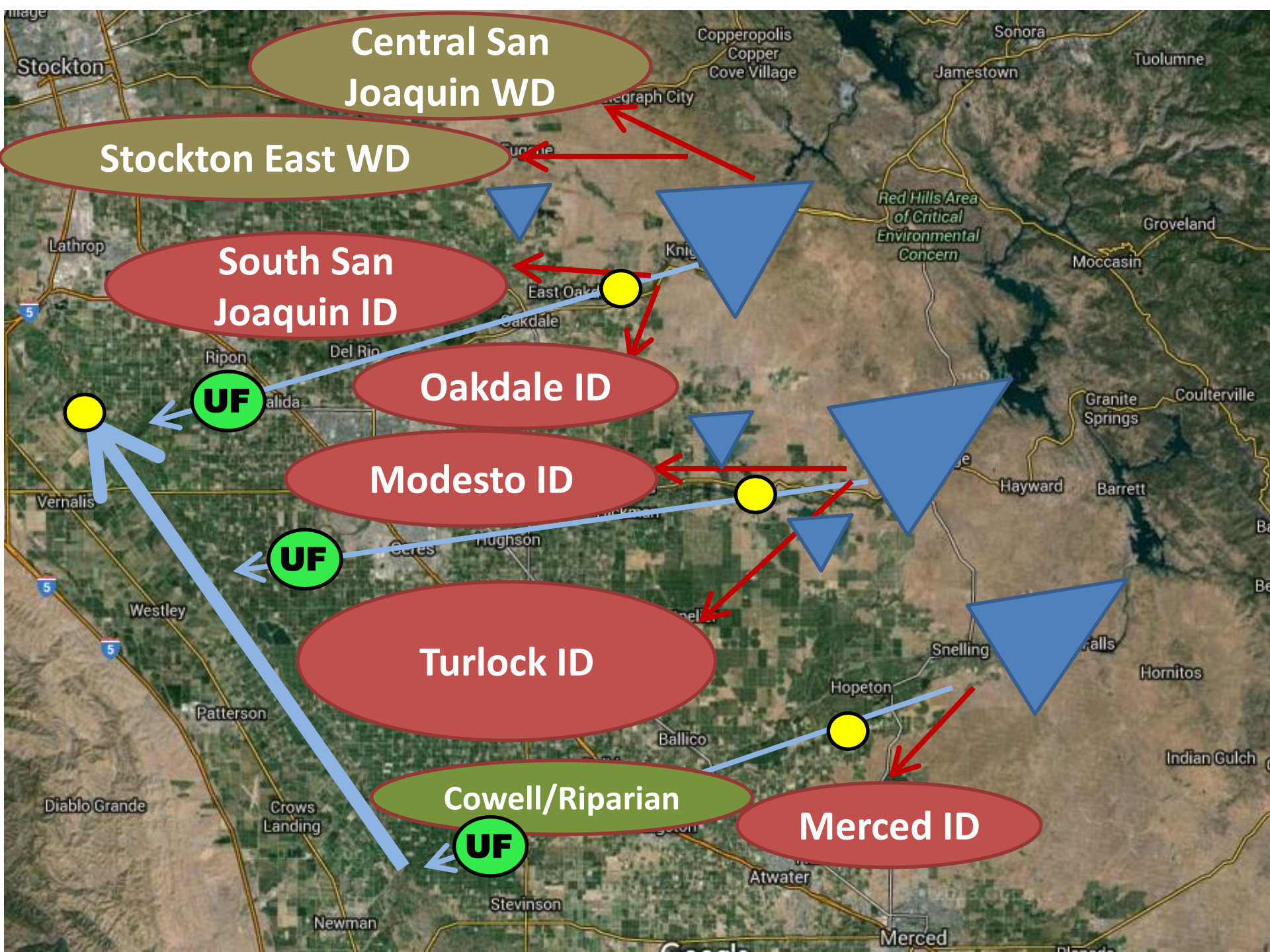


Tuolumne WSE 40% Alt. Flows (1990-1995)

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Irrigation District Diversion Demand Characterization



Agricultural Water Use Data Sources

- Demand parameters based on District AWMPs
 - Total Diversion
 - Municipal deliveries
 - Seepage from regulating reservoirs
 - Minimum annual groundwater pumping
 - Maximum Groundwater Pumping Capacity
 - Distribution losses
 - Deep percolation fraction

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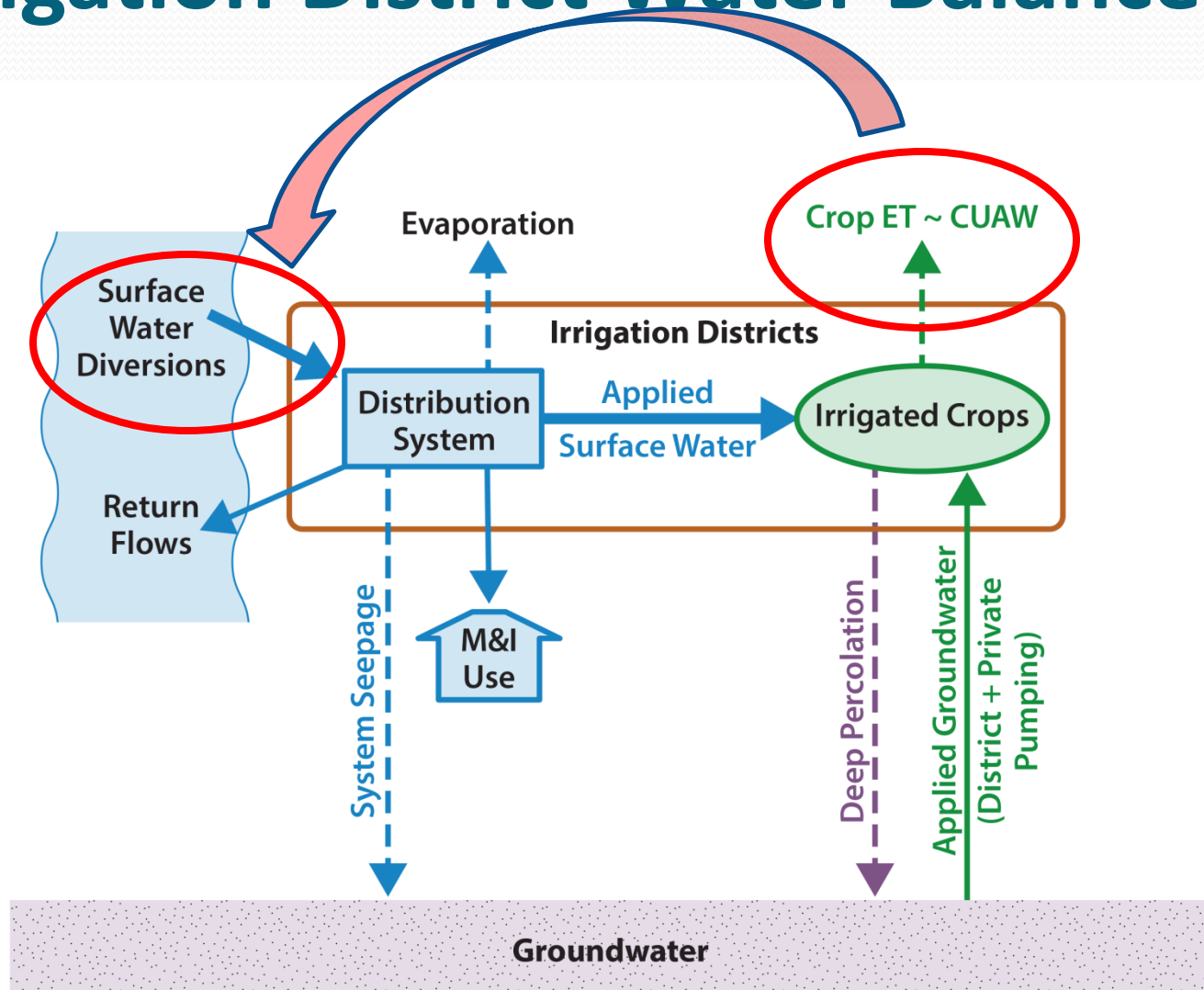


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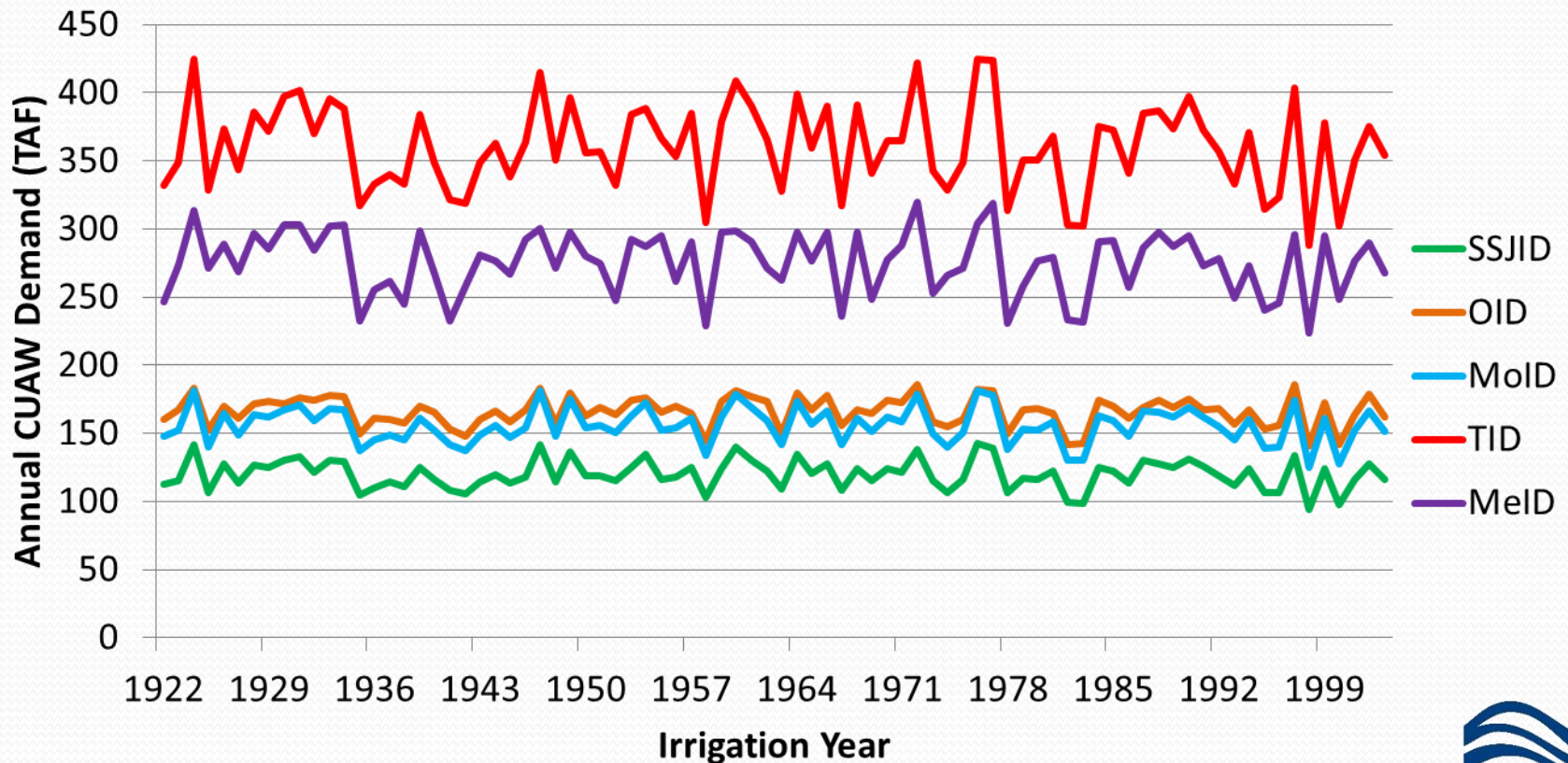
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Irrigation District Water Balance

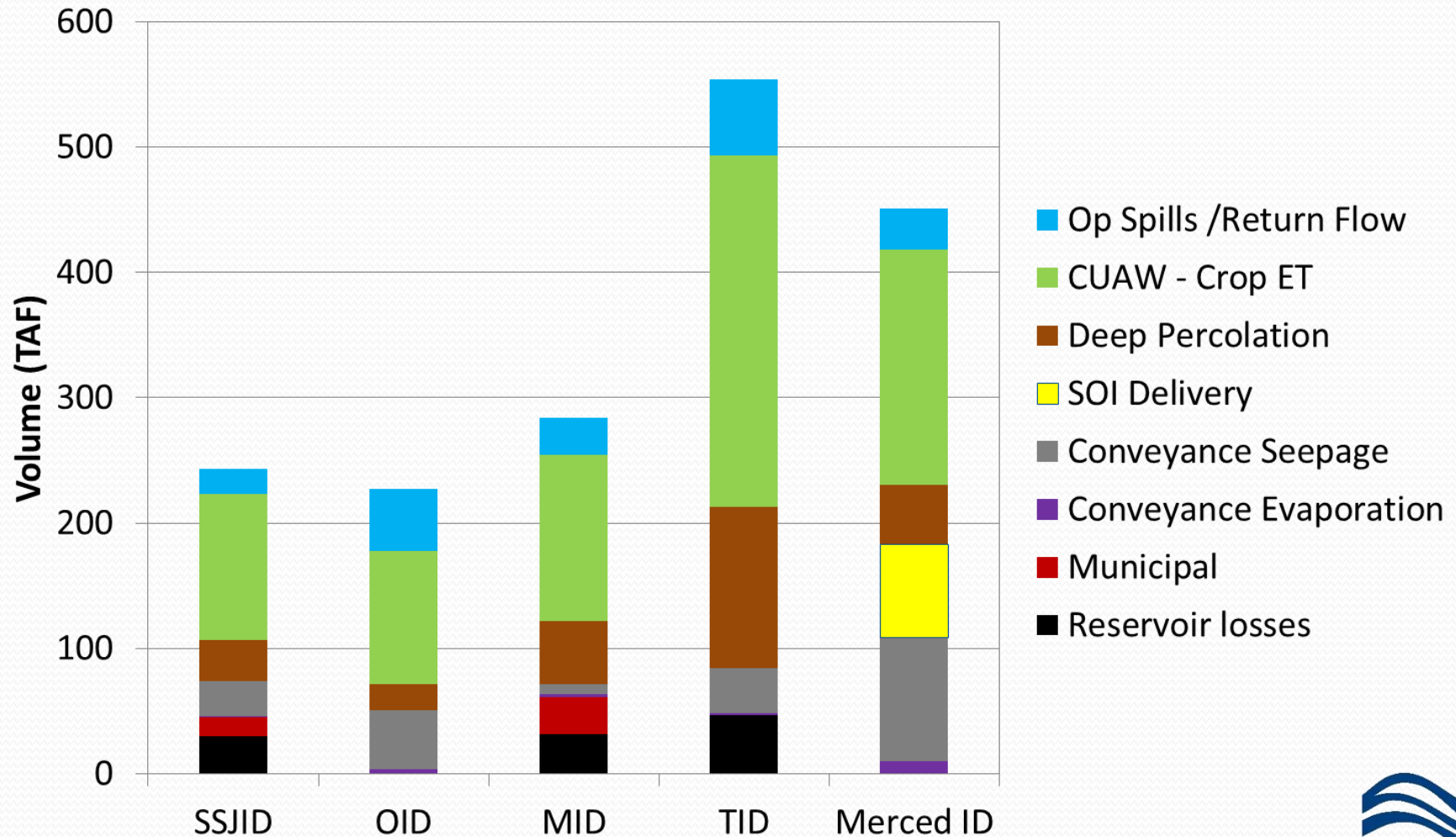


CUAW: Consumptive Use of Applied Water

Calsim II Annual CUAW Demand from 1922 to 2003



Average Fate of Surface Water Diversions



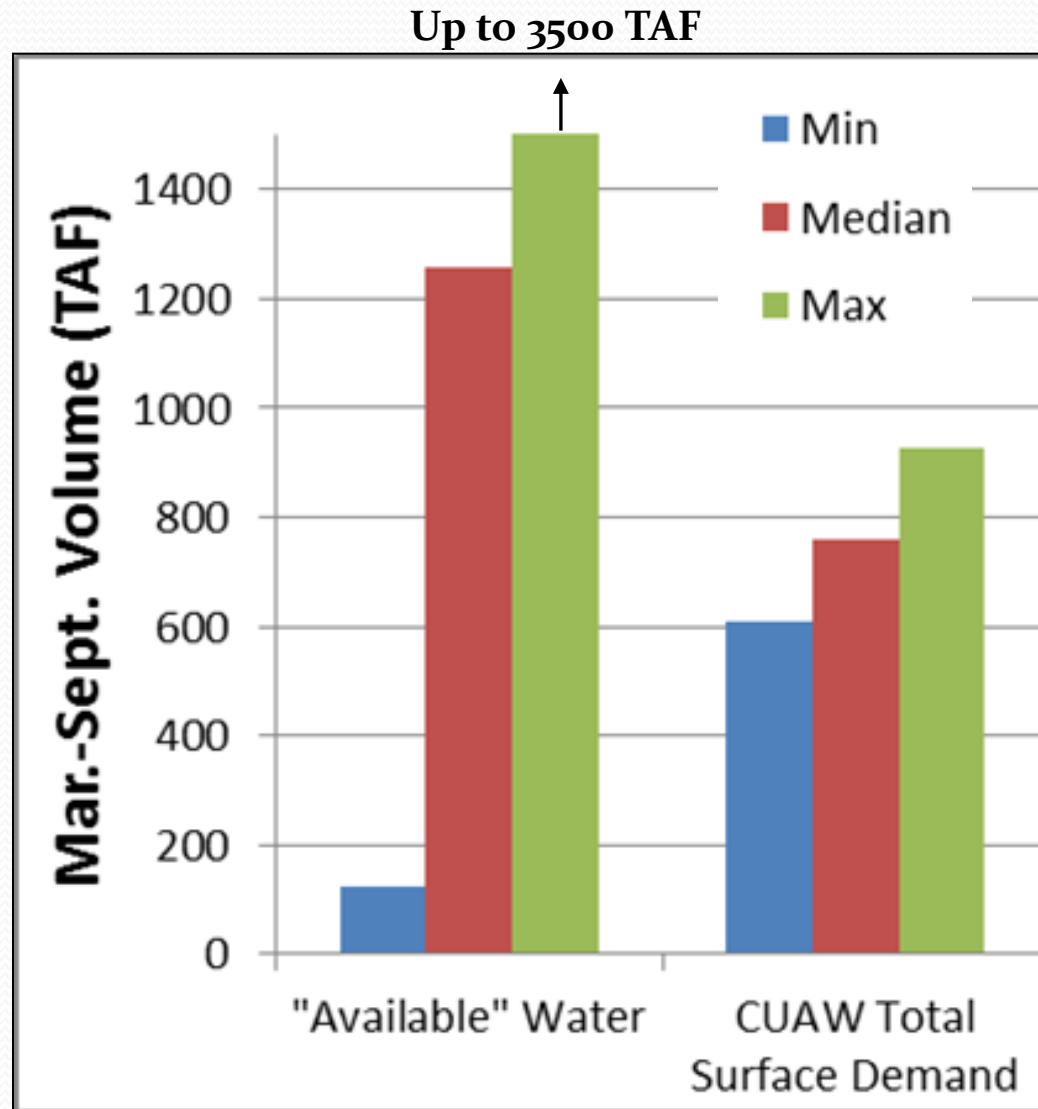
Characterization of District Demands

- CUAW Crop requirements
- Generalized Efficiencies from AWMPs
- Minimum GW pumping from AWMPs/Information request letters
- CUAW demand adjusted 9-15% such that resulting diversions most reasonable match with operations models and historical range, where applicable
- Consistent with AWMP data but fewer years available

Calculation of Annual Allocation: Reservoir Constraints

- End-of-September Carryover Storage Guidelines
- Allowable Draw from Storage
- Minimum Allocation Fraction
- Drought Refill Provision

Tuolumne Supply and Demand



Calculation of Annual Allocation

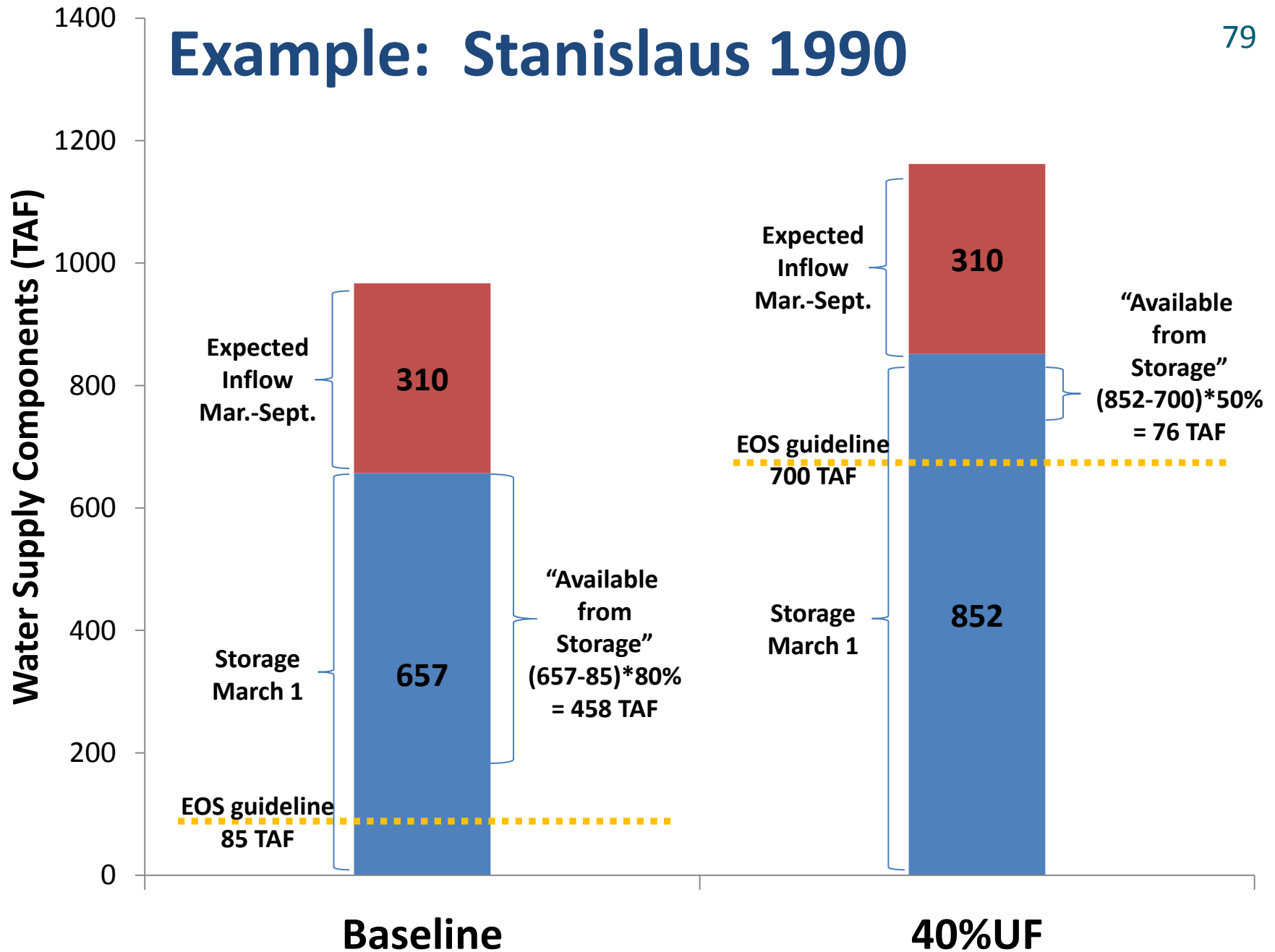
- Similar to New Melones Index:
$$= [\text{Storage End-of-Feb.}] + [\text{Anticipated Inflow Mar-Sept.}]$$
- Consider reservoir constraints:
 - End-of-Sept. Carryover Guideline
 - Percent Draw from Storage
- Subtract streamflow requirements Mar-Sept
- If sufficient water, district demands are 100% met
- If not enough, district diversions are curtailed

Calculation of Annual Allocation

1. Determine Streamflow Requirement
 - (Feb-June Percent Unimpaired Flow, etc.)
2. Determine “Available Water”
 - from: A. Net inflows (after streamflow requirement);
B. Storage March 1;
C. Storage End-of-Sept. Guideline, Percent Draw
3. Determine “Growing Season Demand”
 - (CUAW → Total Surface Demand March-Sept.)
4. Determine “Growing Season Allocation”
 - $\text{Allocation} = \% \text{DemandMet} = (\text{G.S. Diversion}) / (\text{G.S. Demand})$
→ also continues Oct.-Feb. until next allocation

Example: Stanislaus 1990

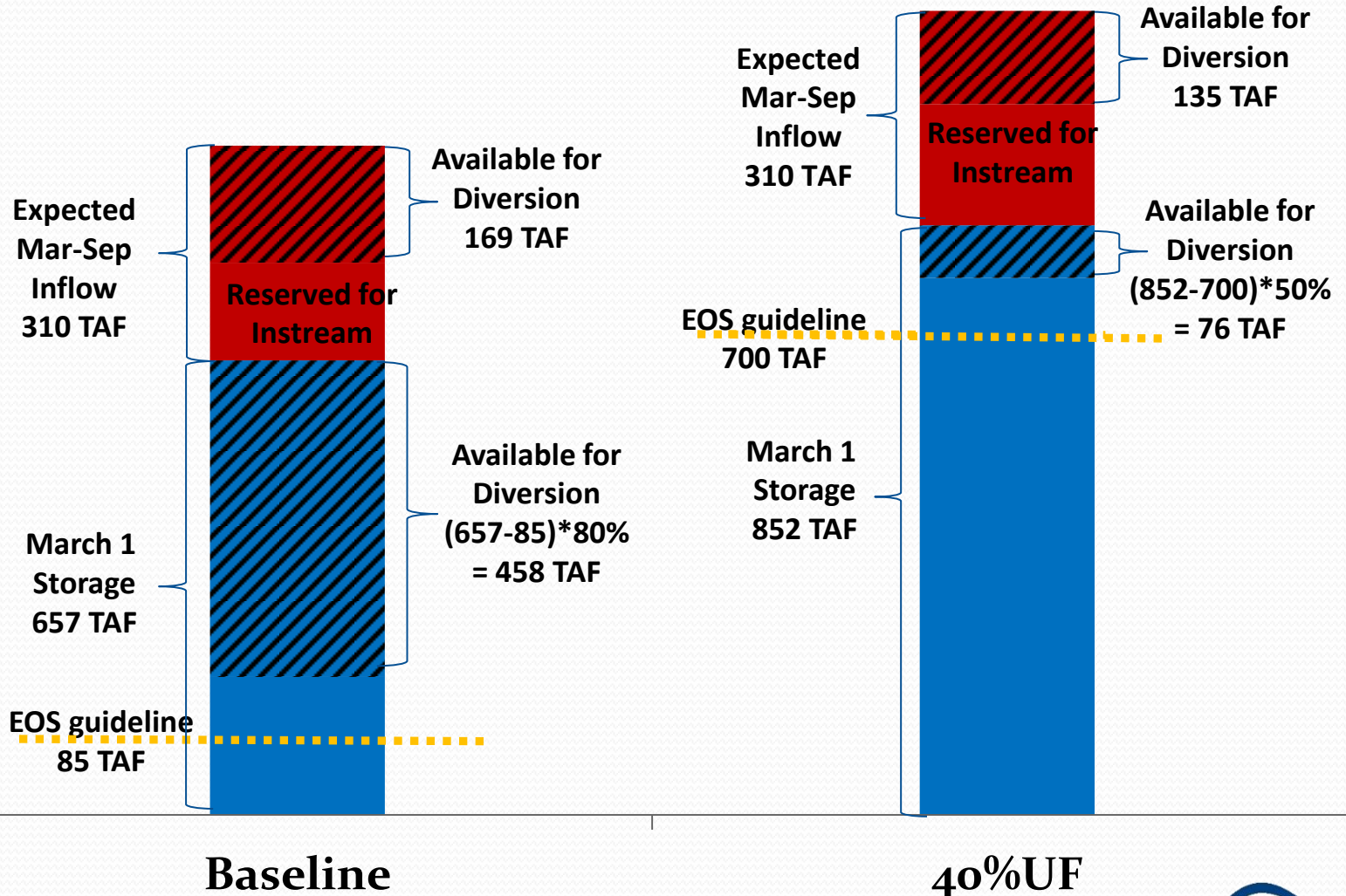
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Water Supply Allocation

Stanislaus River 1990 example

Water Supply Components (TAF)

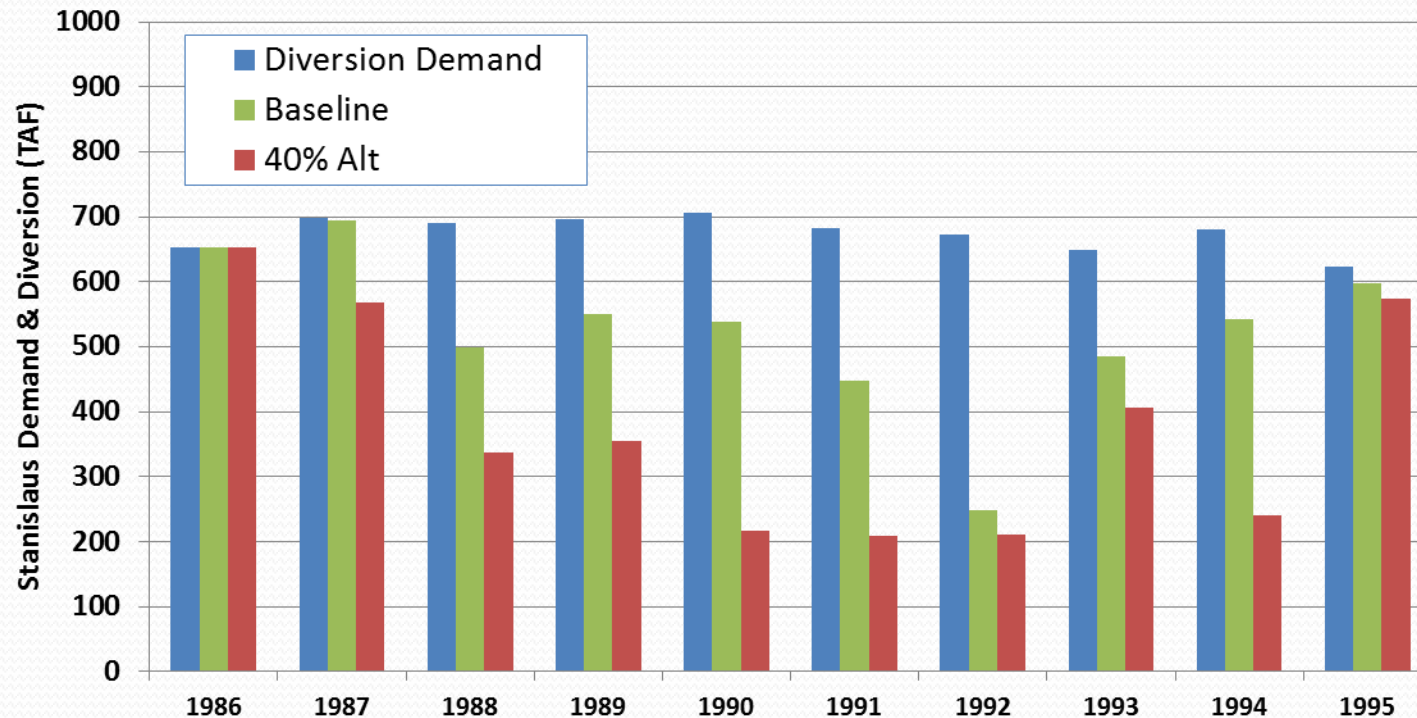


Available for Diversion

Expected Inflow Mar-Sep

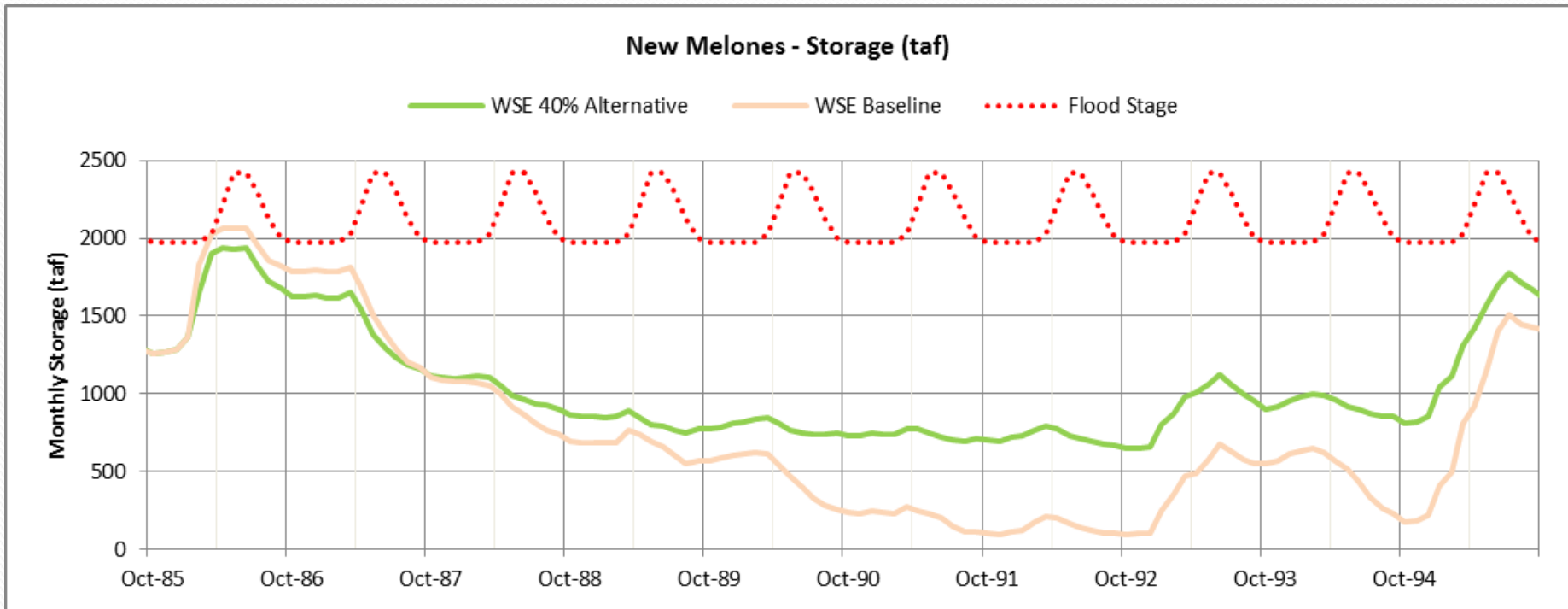
Storage Mar 1

Stanislaus Total Annual District Diversion 1986 to 1995



Alternative	Averages over 1986 to 1995			
	Diversion Demand	Diversion	Diversion Shortage	Percent of Demand Met
	TAF	TAF	TAF	%
Baseline	676	526	150	78%
40% Alt	676	377	299	56%

Stanislaus Reservoir Storage Condition 1986 to 1995



Possible Exceptions within Allocation Framework

- Minimum district diversion (during dry conditions)
- End-of-drought refill (during wet conditions after dry)
- Existing agreements (e.g., 1988 Agreement)
- Vernalis EC and flow requirements may increase volume of water needed for instream use

Table F.1.2-23a. Minimum Diversion, Minimum September Carryover Guideline, Maximum Draw from Storage, and Flow Shifting for the Stanislaus River

	Baseline	20% Unimpaired Flow	30% Unimpaired Flow	40% Unimpaired Flow	50% Unimpaired Flow	60% Unimpaired Flow
Minimum District Diversion (TAF, % of District Max)	0 TAF	210 TAF (35%)	210 TAF (35%)	210 TAF (35%)	180 TAF (30%)	180 TAF (30%)
Minimum September Carryover Guideline (TAF)	85	700	700	700	700	700
Maximum Storage Draw (% of Mar 1 minus Sep guideline)	80%	80%	70%	50%	45%	35%
Flow Shifting to Fall ^a	NA	None	None	Yes	Yes	Yes
End-of-Drought Storage Refill	NA	100%	100%	70%	50%	50%
Vernalis Minimum ^b Feb–Jun (cfs)	D-1641/ VAMP	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

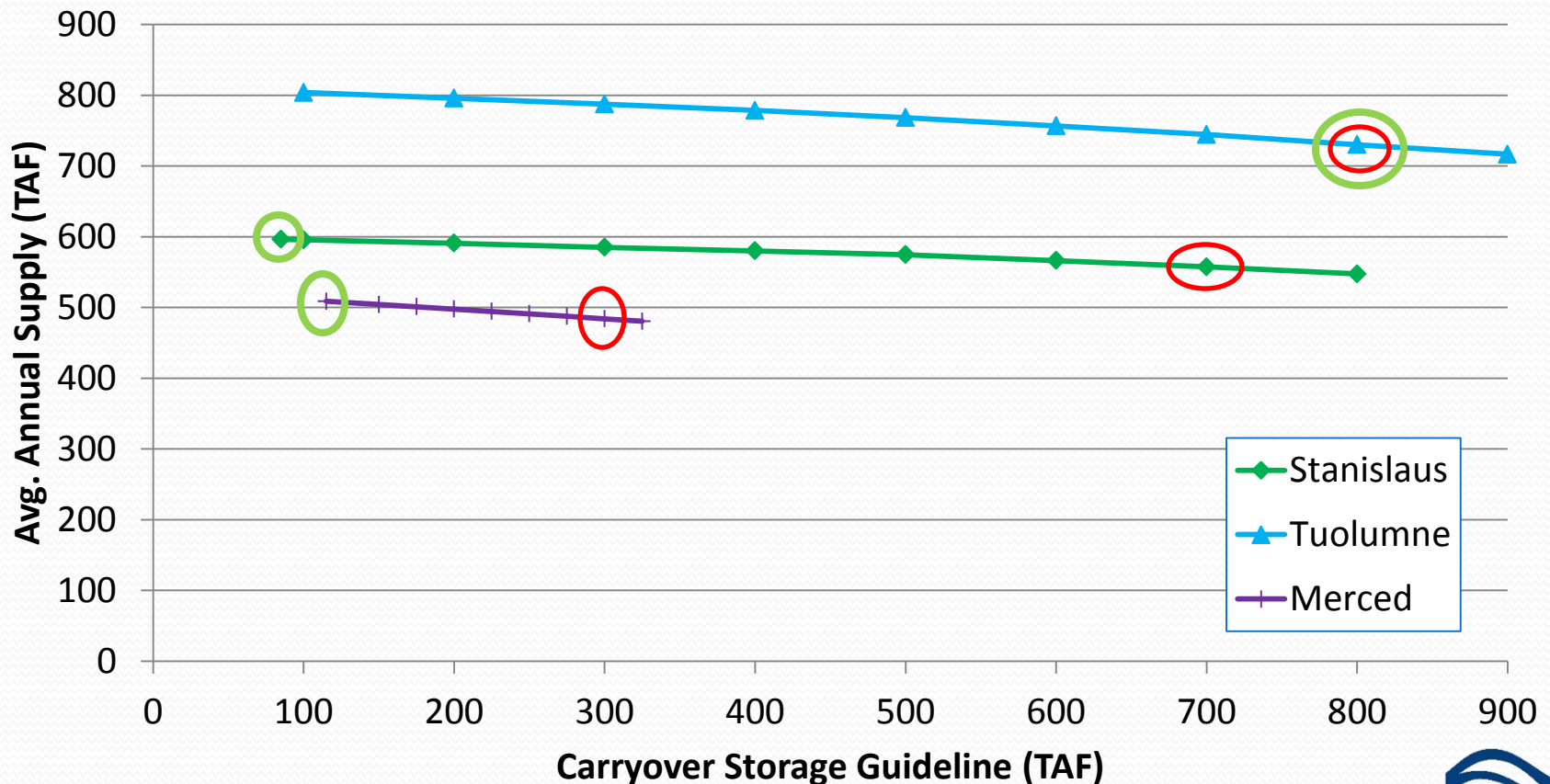
Table F.1.2-23b. Minimum Diversion, Minimum September Carryover Guideline, Maximum Draw from Storage, and Flow Shifting for the Tuolumne River

	Baseline	20% Unimpaired Flow	30% Unimpaired Flow	40% Unimpaired Flow	50% Unimpaired Flow	60% Unimpaired Flow
Minimum District Diversion (TAF, % of District Max)	550 TAF (50%)	363 TAF (33%)	363 TAF (33%)	363 TAF (33%)	275 TAF (20%)	275 TAF (20%)
Minimum September Carryover Guideline (TAF)	800	800	800	800	800	800
Maximum Storage Draw (% of Mar 1 minus Sep guideline)	65%	60%	55%	50%	45%	35%
Flow Shifting to Fall ^a	NA	None	None	Yes	Yes	Yes
Drought End Storage Refill	NA	100%	100%	70%	50%	50%
Vernalis Minimum ^b Feb–Jun (cfs)	D-1641/ VAMP	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

Table F.1.2-23c. Minimum Diversion, Minimum September Carryover Guideline, Maximum Draw from Storage, and Flow Shifting for the Merced River

	Baseline	20% Unimpaired Flow	30% Unimpaired Flow	40% Unimpaired Flow	50% Unimpaired Flow	60% Unimpaired Flow
Minimum District Diversion (TAF, % of District Max)	0 TAF	78 TAF (15%)	78 TAF (15%)	78 TAF (15%)	78 TAF (15%)	78 TAF (15%)
Minimum September Carryover Guideline (TAF)	115 TAF	300	300	300	300	300
Maximum Storage Draw (% of Mar 1 minus Sep guideline)	80%	70%	60%	50%	45%	35%
Shifting to Fall ^a	NA	None	None	Yes	Yes	Yes
Drought End Storage Refill	NA	100%	100%	100%	50%	50%
Vernalis Minimum ^b Feb–Jun (cfs)	D-1641/ VAMP	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000

Sensitivity to Carryover Storage: Avg. Annual Supply; 40% UF Objective



Flow Shifting: Generalized Concept

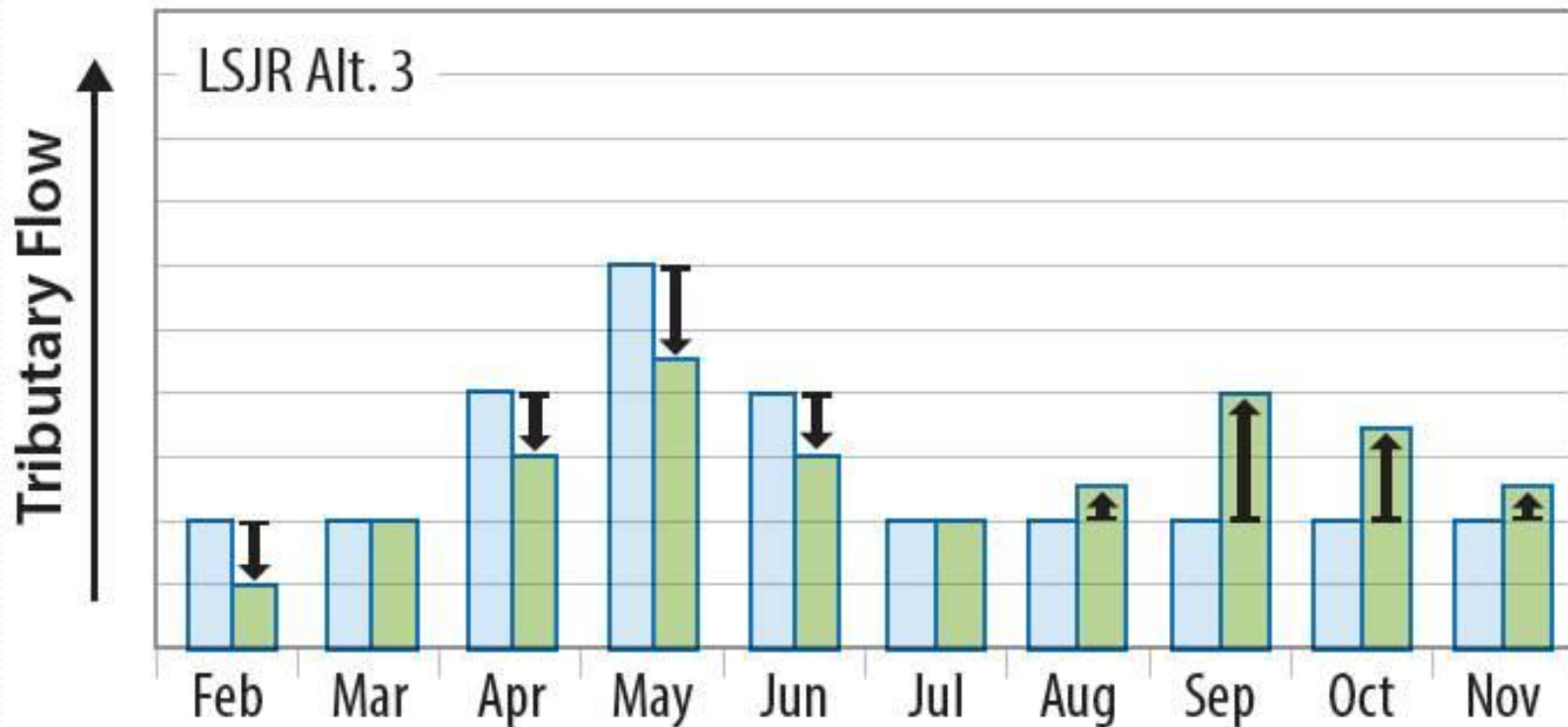


Figure F.1.2-7. Generalized Illustration of Shifting of Flow Requirement to Summer and Fall

Flow Shifting: Flow targets

Table F.1.2-25. Instream Flow Targets July–November that Determine Necessary Volume of Flow Shifting from the February–June Period

A. Stanislaus Minimum Flow by Water Year Type and Month					
WYT	July (cfs)	August (cfs)	September (cfs)	October (cfs)	November (cfs)
W	800	500	800	1,400	—
AN	—	—	—	1,200	—
BN	—	—	—	1,000	—
D	—	—	—	1,000	—
C	—	—	—	1,000	—
B. Tuolumne Minimum Flow by Water Year Type and Month					
WYT	July (cfs)	August (cfs)	September (cfs)	October (cfs)	November (cfs)
W	1,200	600	1,000	1,000	1,000
AN	—	—	—	—	—
BN	—	—	—	—	—
D	—	—	—	—	—
C	—	—	—	—	—
C. Merced Minimum Flow by Water Year Type and Month					
WYT	July (cfs)	August (cfs)	September (cfs)	October (cfs)	November (cfs)
W	600	600	600	800	800
AN	200	200	200	—	—
BN	—	—	—	—	—
C	—	—	—	—	—
D	—	—	—	—	—

Flow Shifting: Resultant Shifted Volumes

Table F.1.2-26. Average Quantity of Flow Shifted to Fall for Each Water Year Type

Water Year Type	Stanislaus Annual Flow Shifting (TAF)			Tuolumne Annual Flow Shifting (TAF)			Merced Annual Flow Shifting (TAF)		
	40% alt	50% alt	60% alt	40% alt	50% alt	60% alt	40% alt	50% alt	60% alt
W	51	51	52	102	102	102	105	116	120
AN	17	17	18	0	0	0	11	11	11
BN	8	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
D	10	11	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
C	4	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average	21	22	23	29	29	29	32	35	36

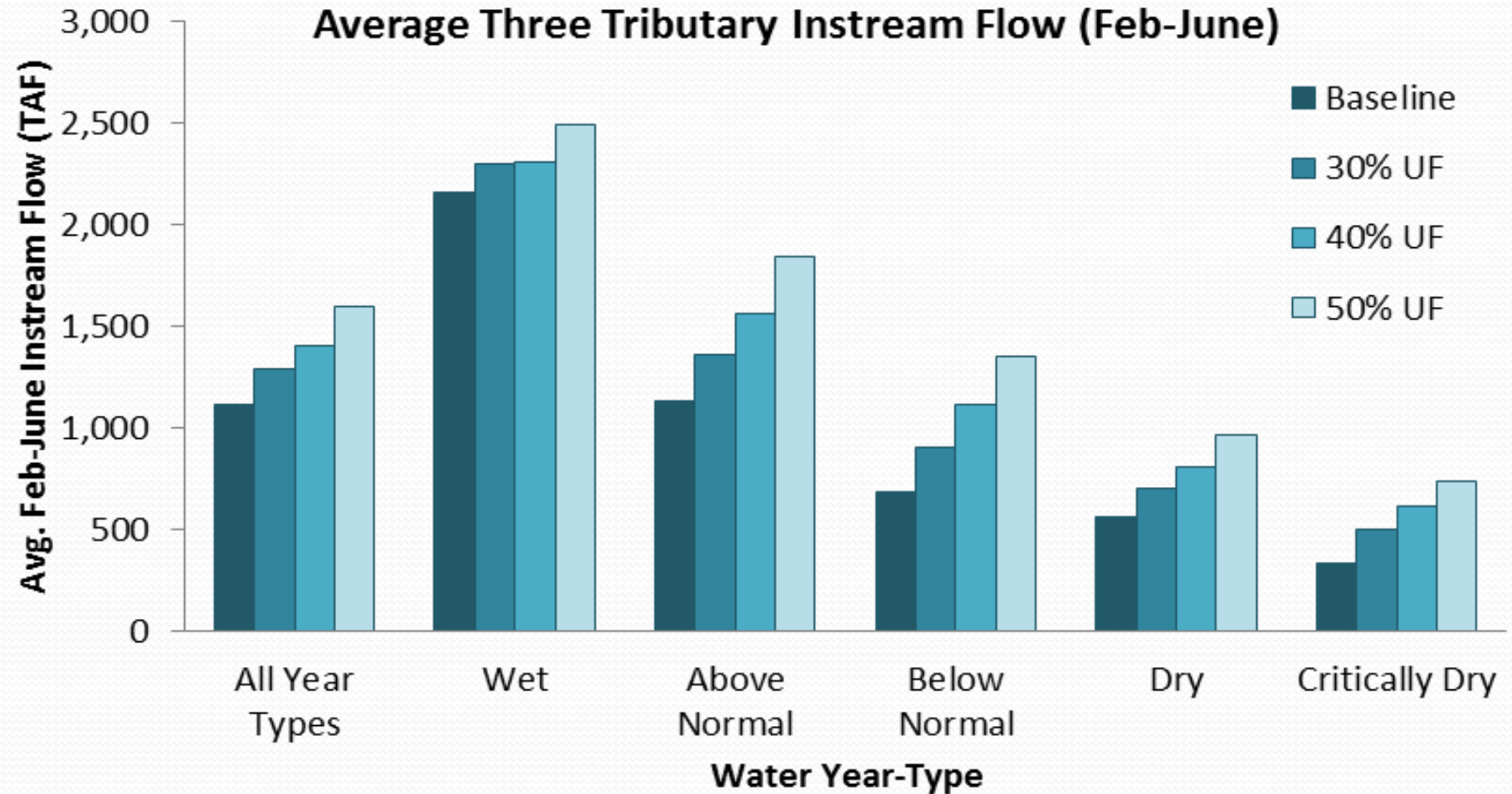
End of Part 1: Questions

Staff Technical Workshop Part 2: Water Supply Effects (WSE) Model Results

Analytical Tools Used to Develop the Amendment to
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Proposed Flow Increases. . .



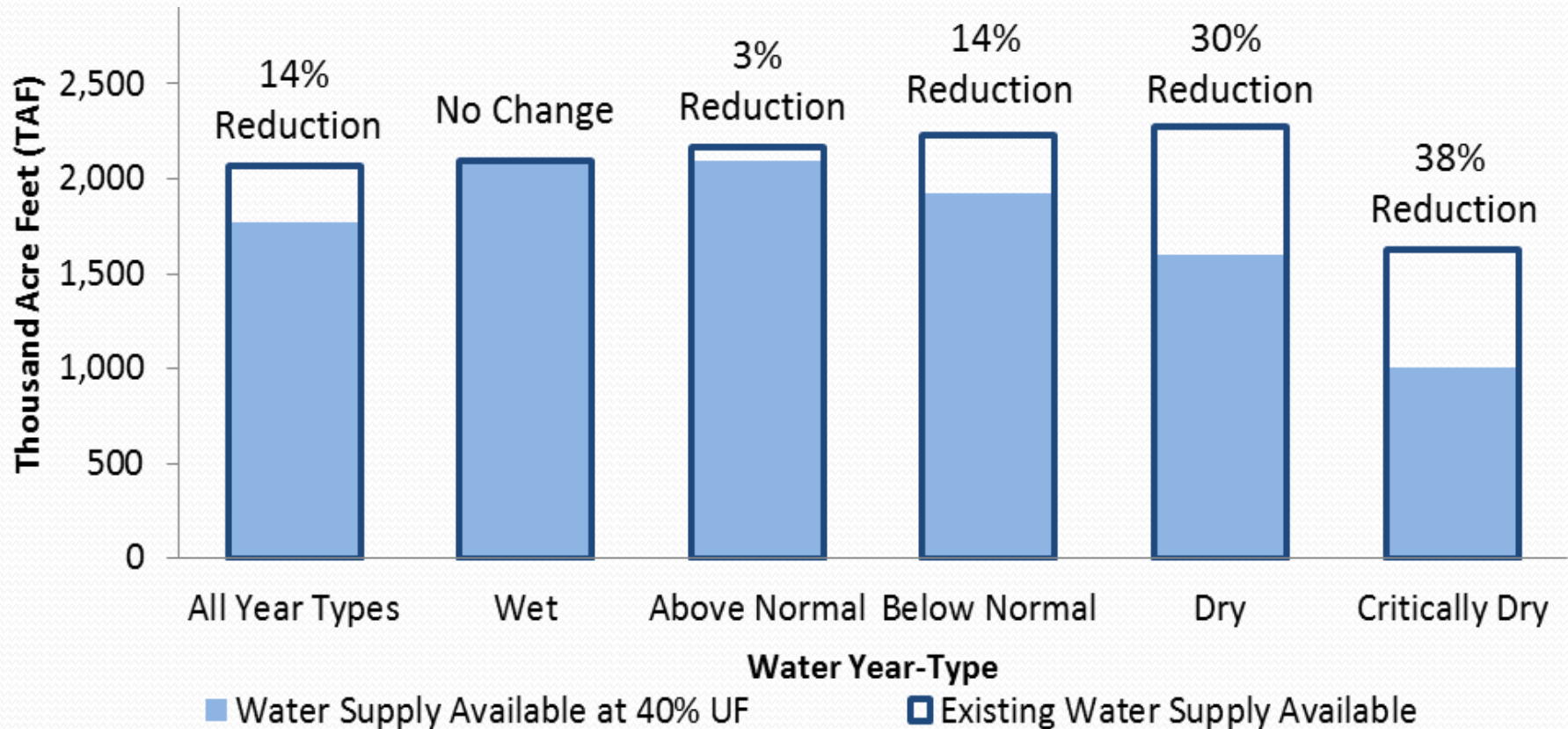
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Estimated Effect on Average Annual Surface Water Diversion

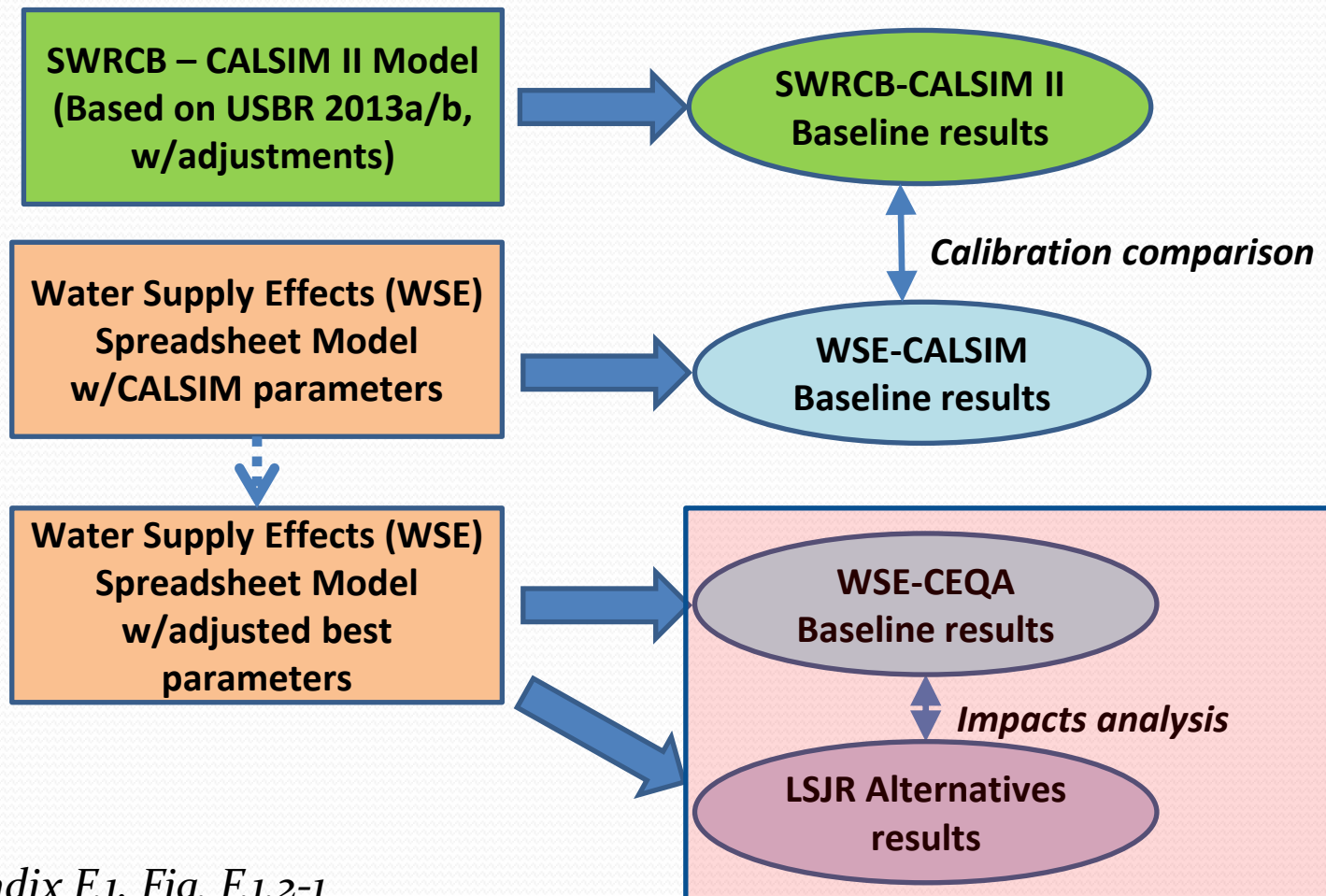
	Stanislaus (TAF)/(%)	Tuolumne (TAF)/(%)	Merced (TAF)/(%)	Total (TAF)/(%)
Baseline	637/100	851/100	580/100	2,068/100
30% UF Objective	-33/-5	-56/-7	-60/-10	-149/-7
40% UF Objective	-79/-12	-119 /-14	-95/-16	-293/-14
50% UF Objective	-136 / -21	-193/-23	-136/ -23	-465/-23

TAF = thousand acre-feet per year

Reduction in Surface Water Availability by Water Year Type (40% UF)

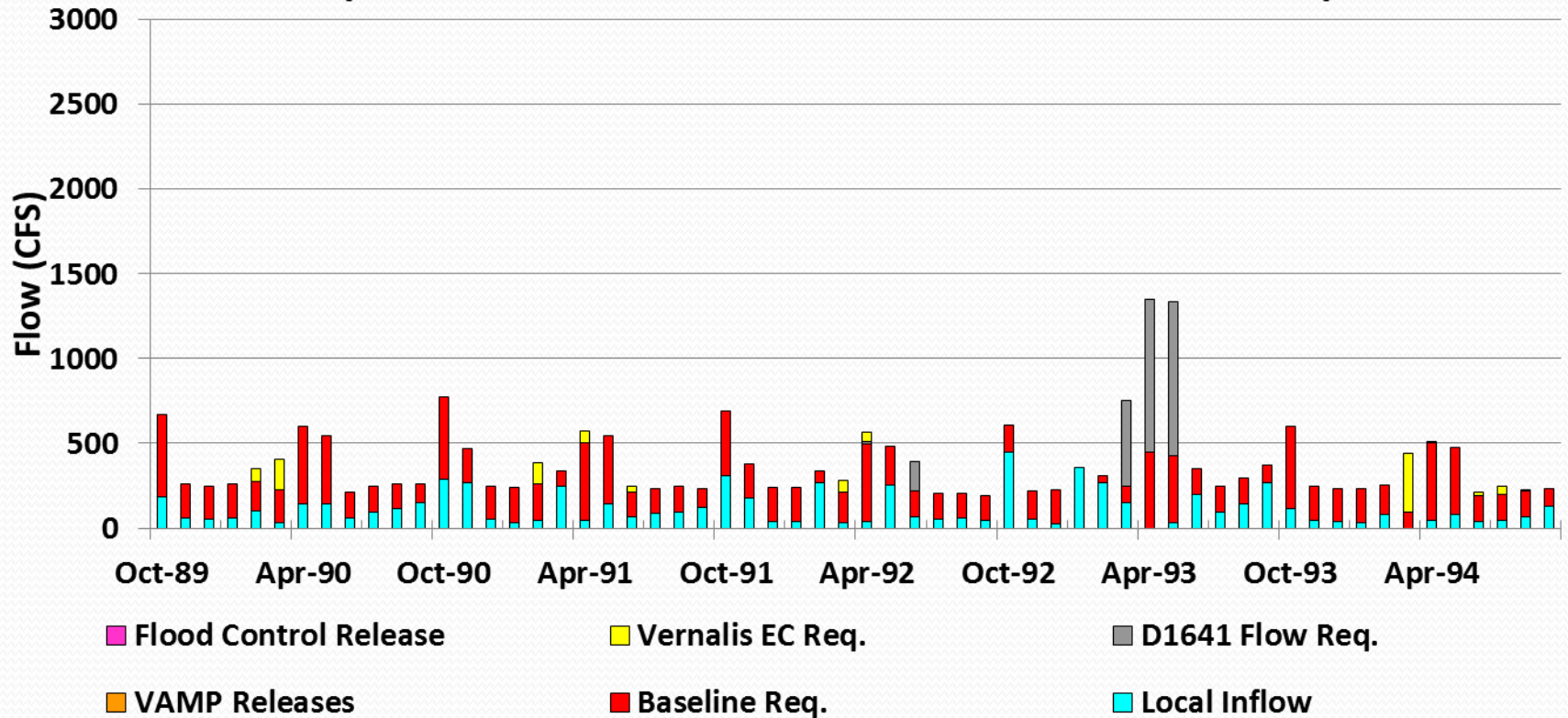


Model comparisons & scenarios



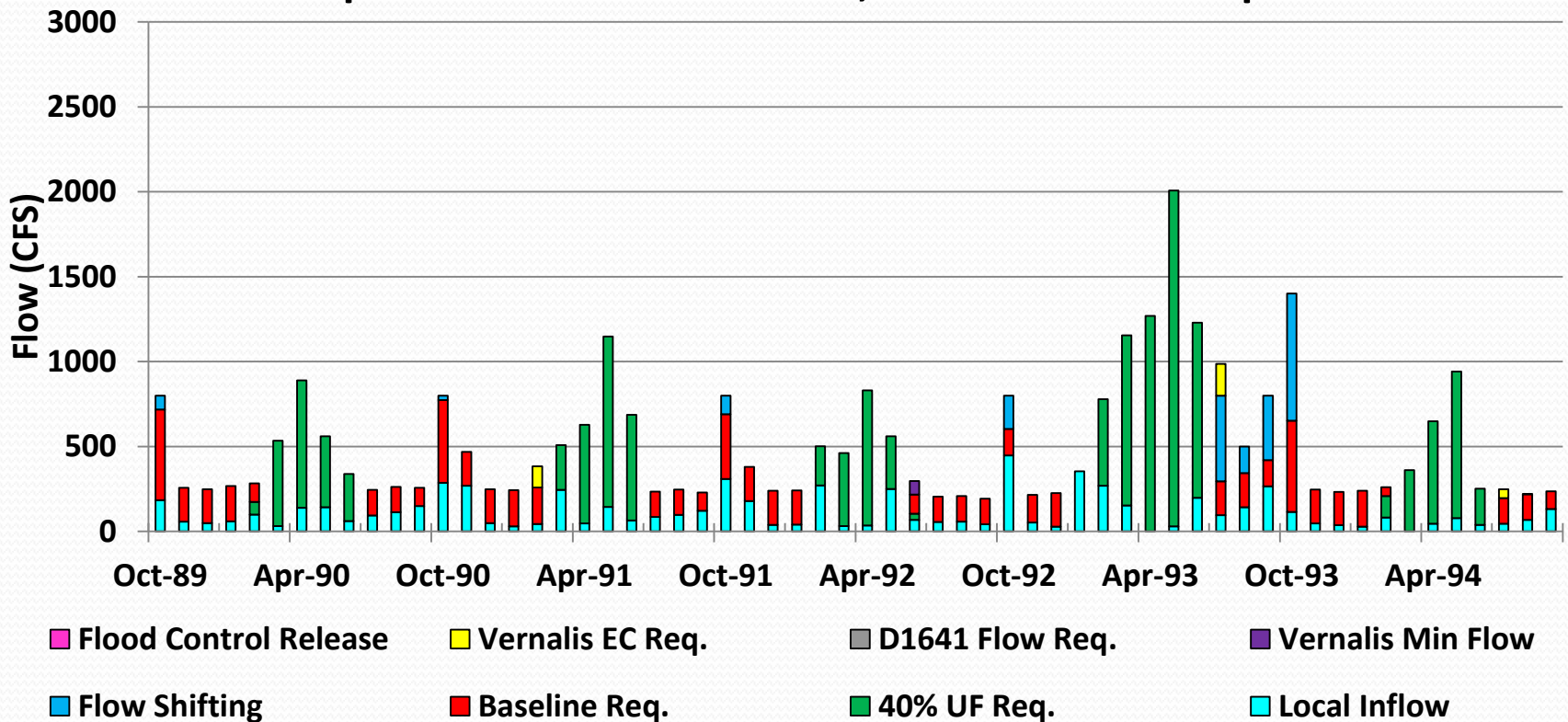
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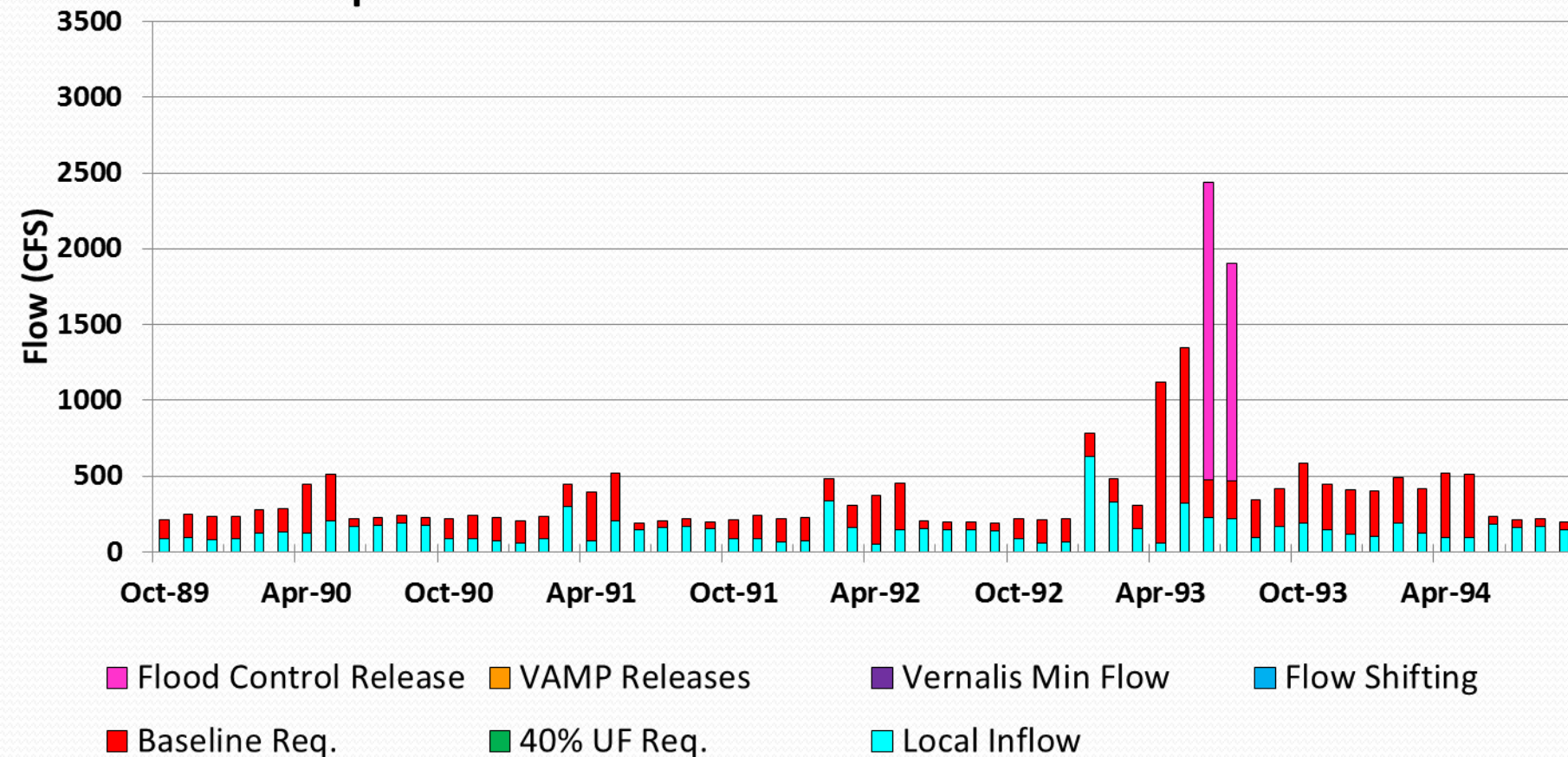
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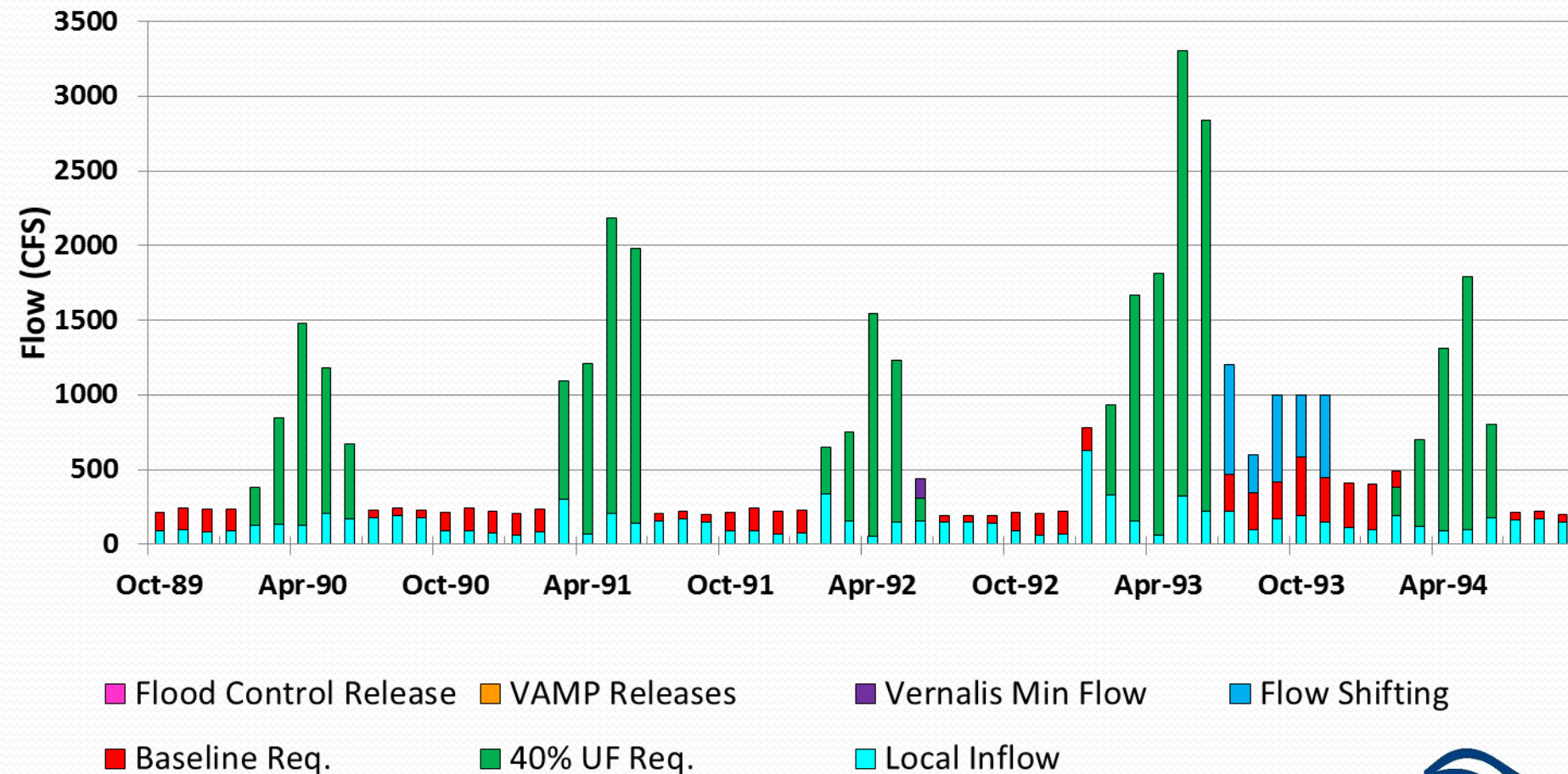
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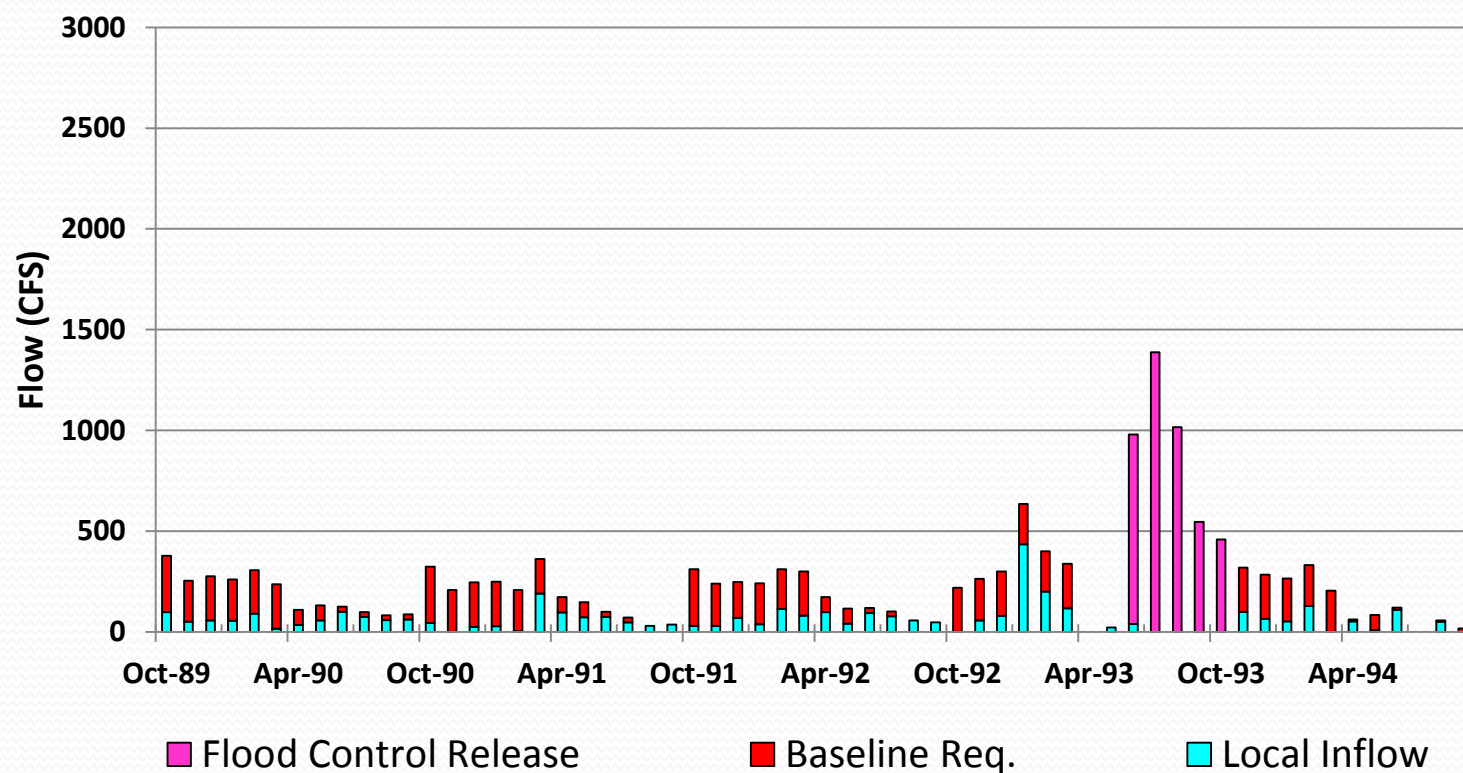
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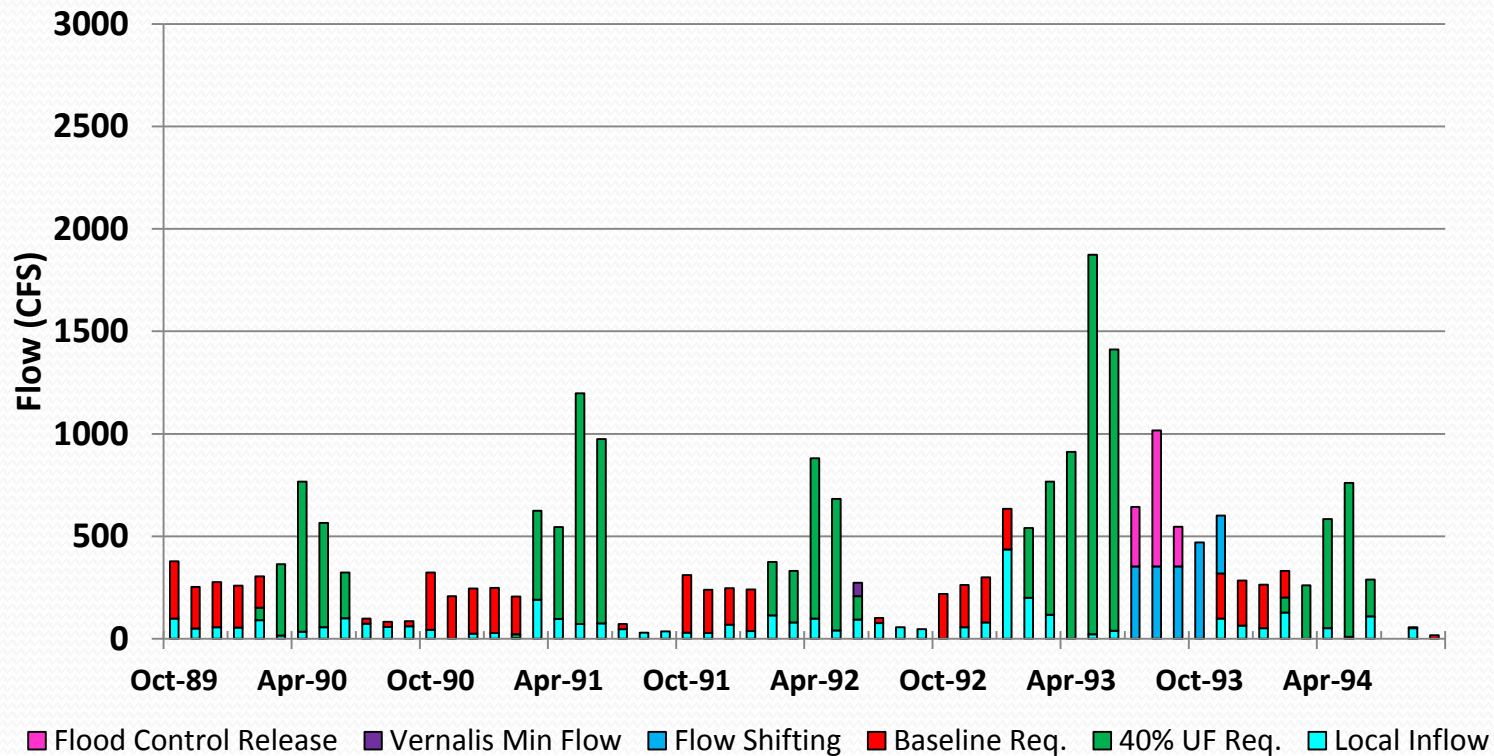
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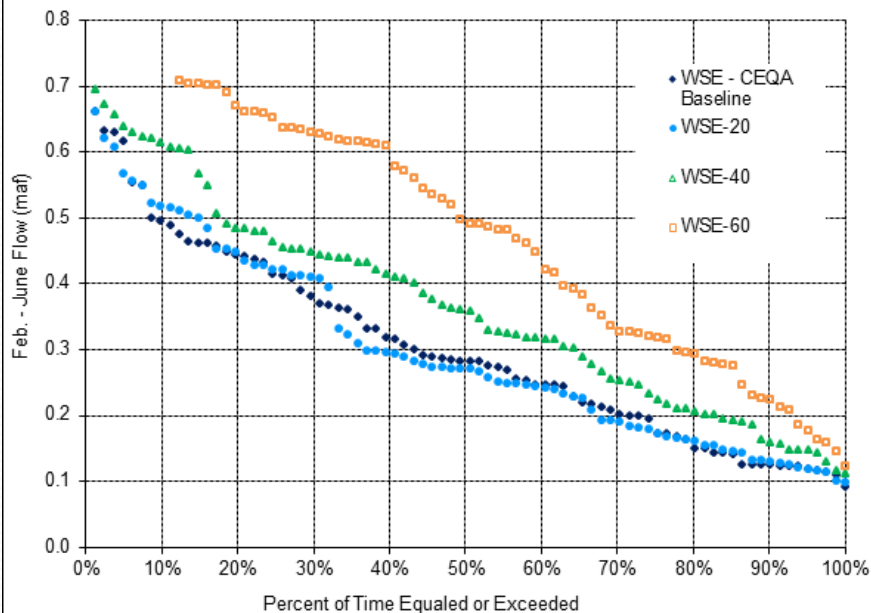
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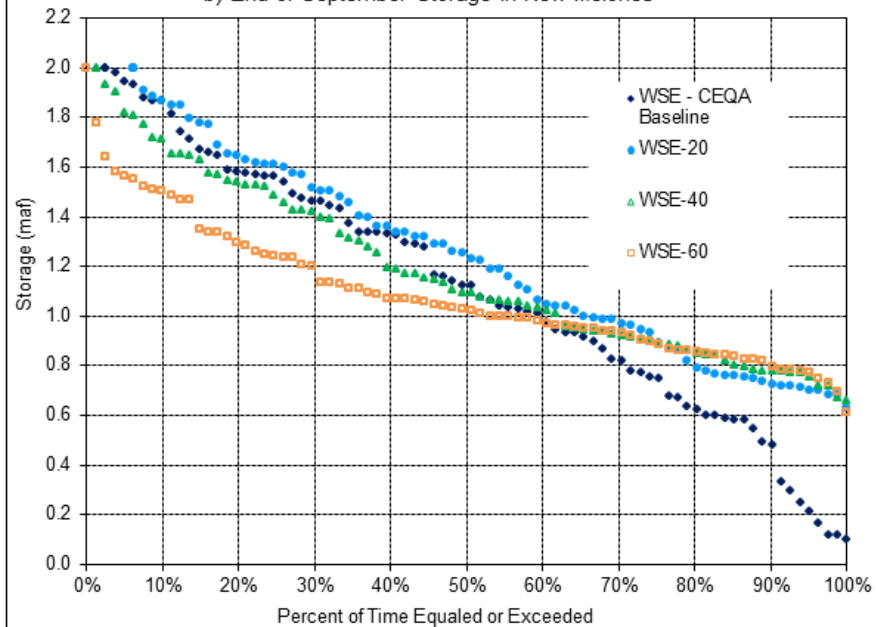
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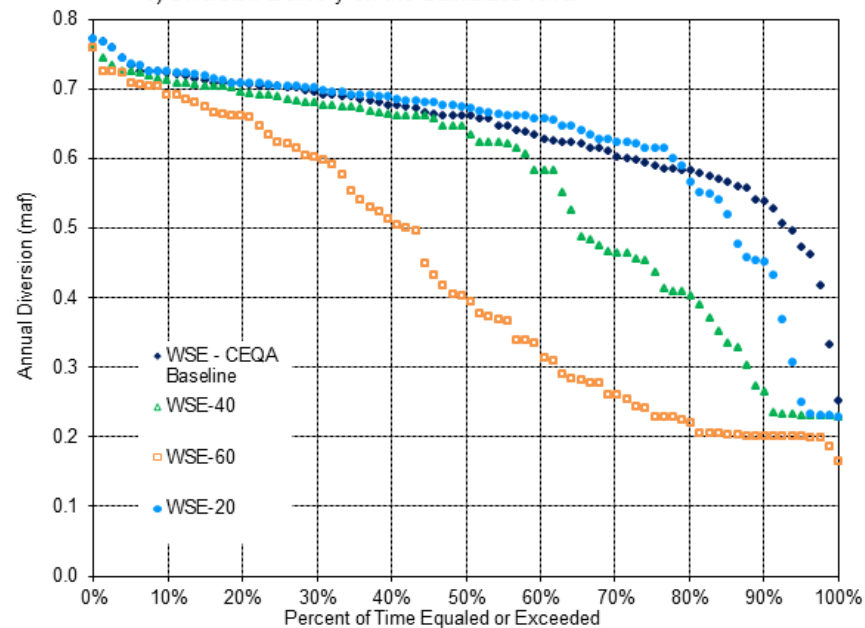
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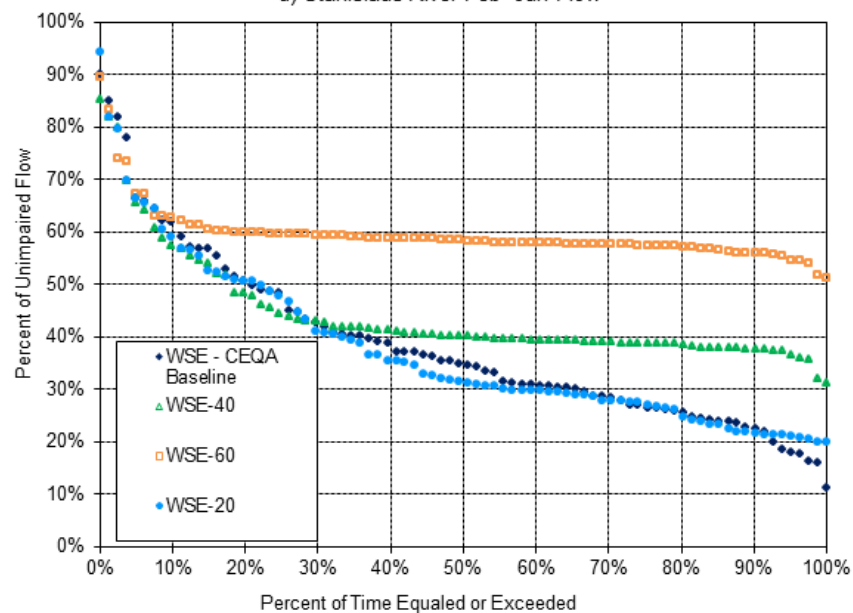
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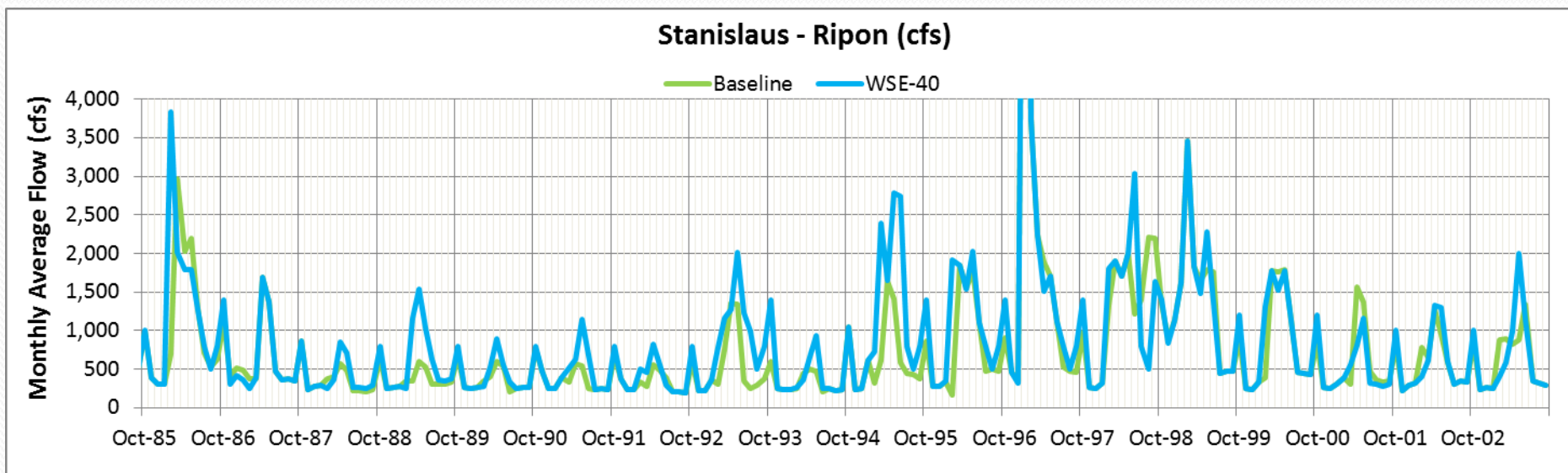


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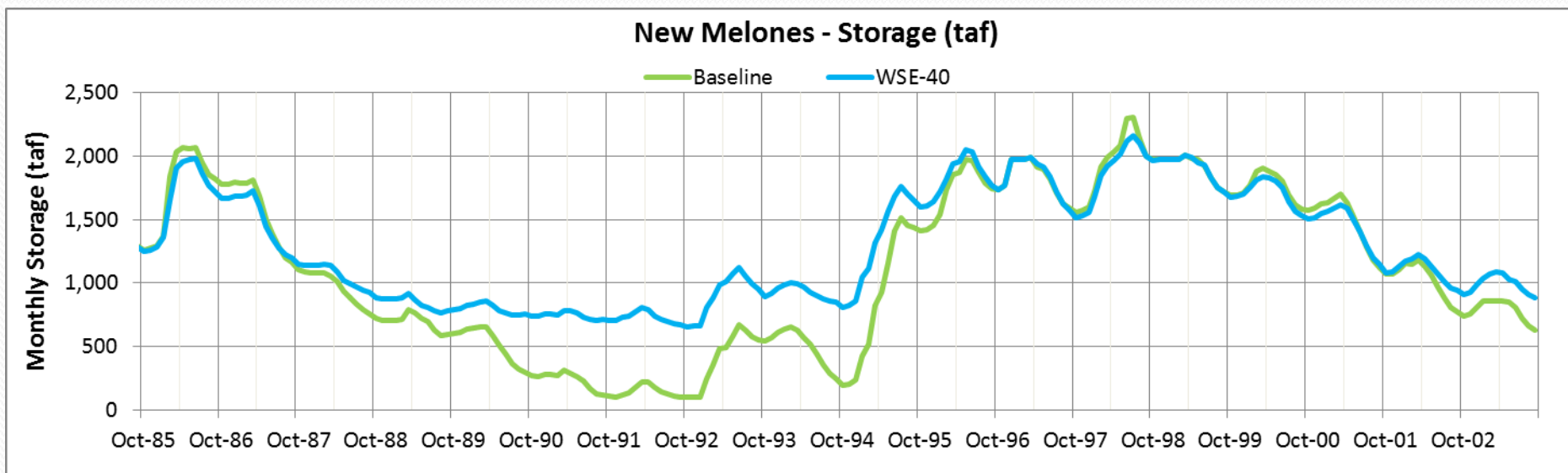


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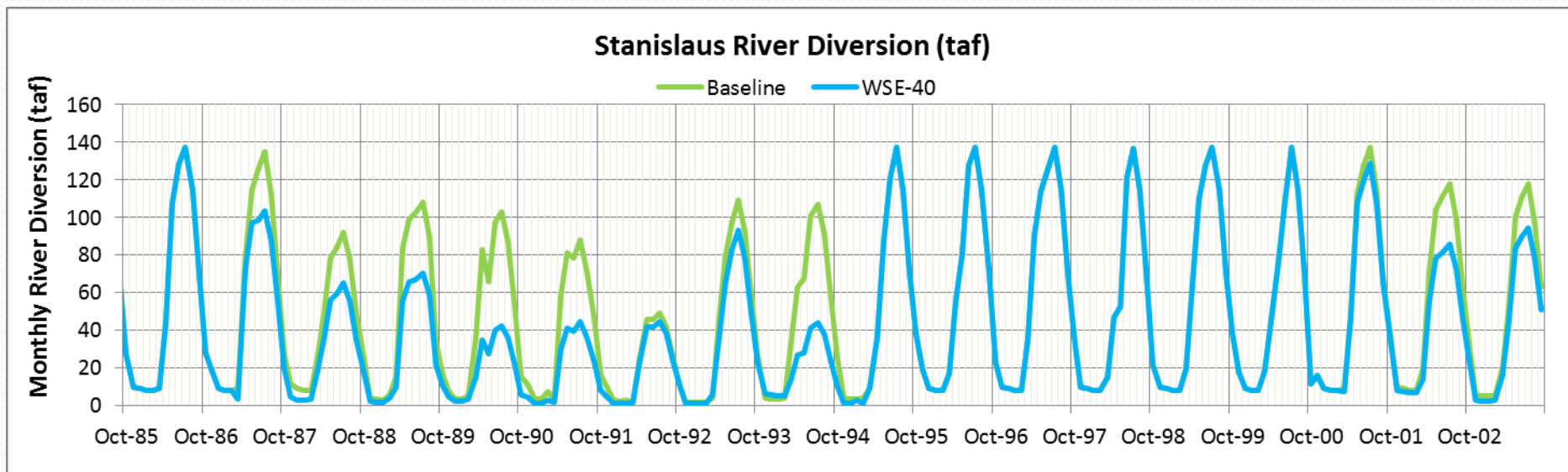
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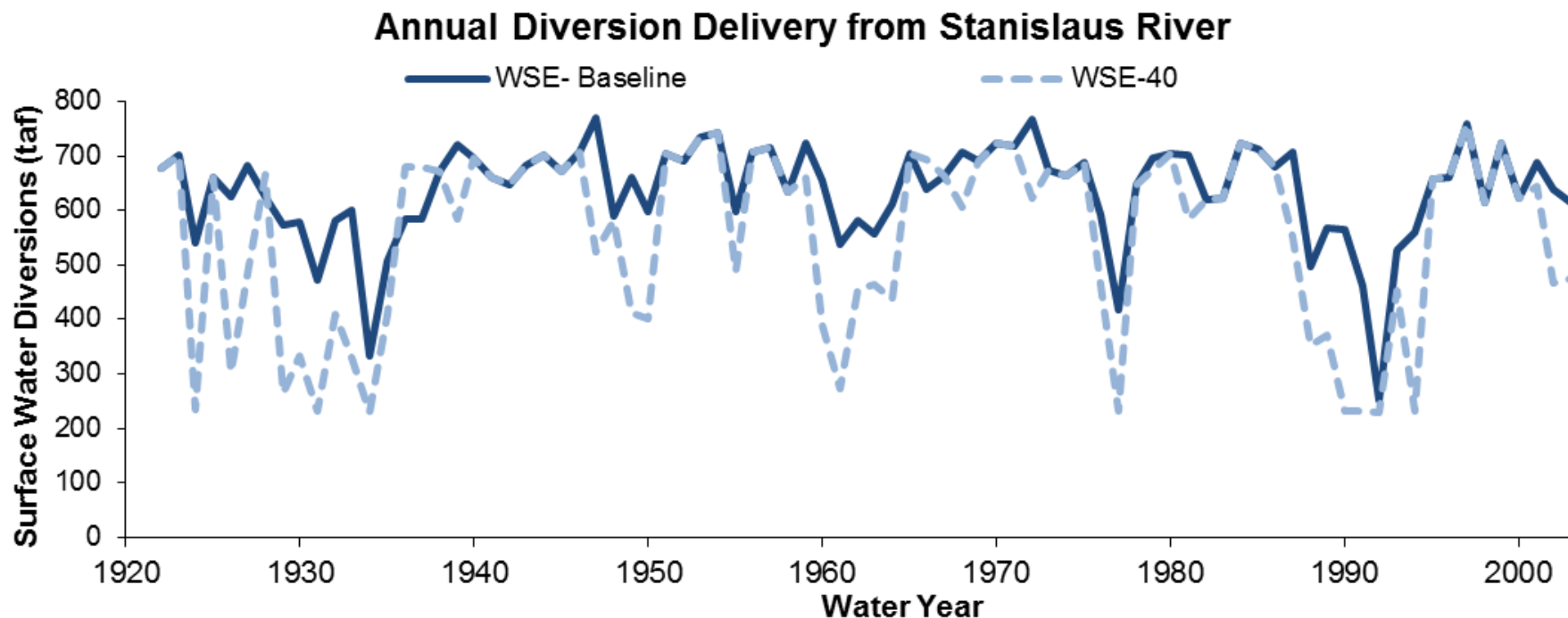
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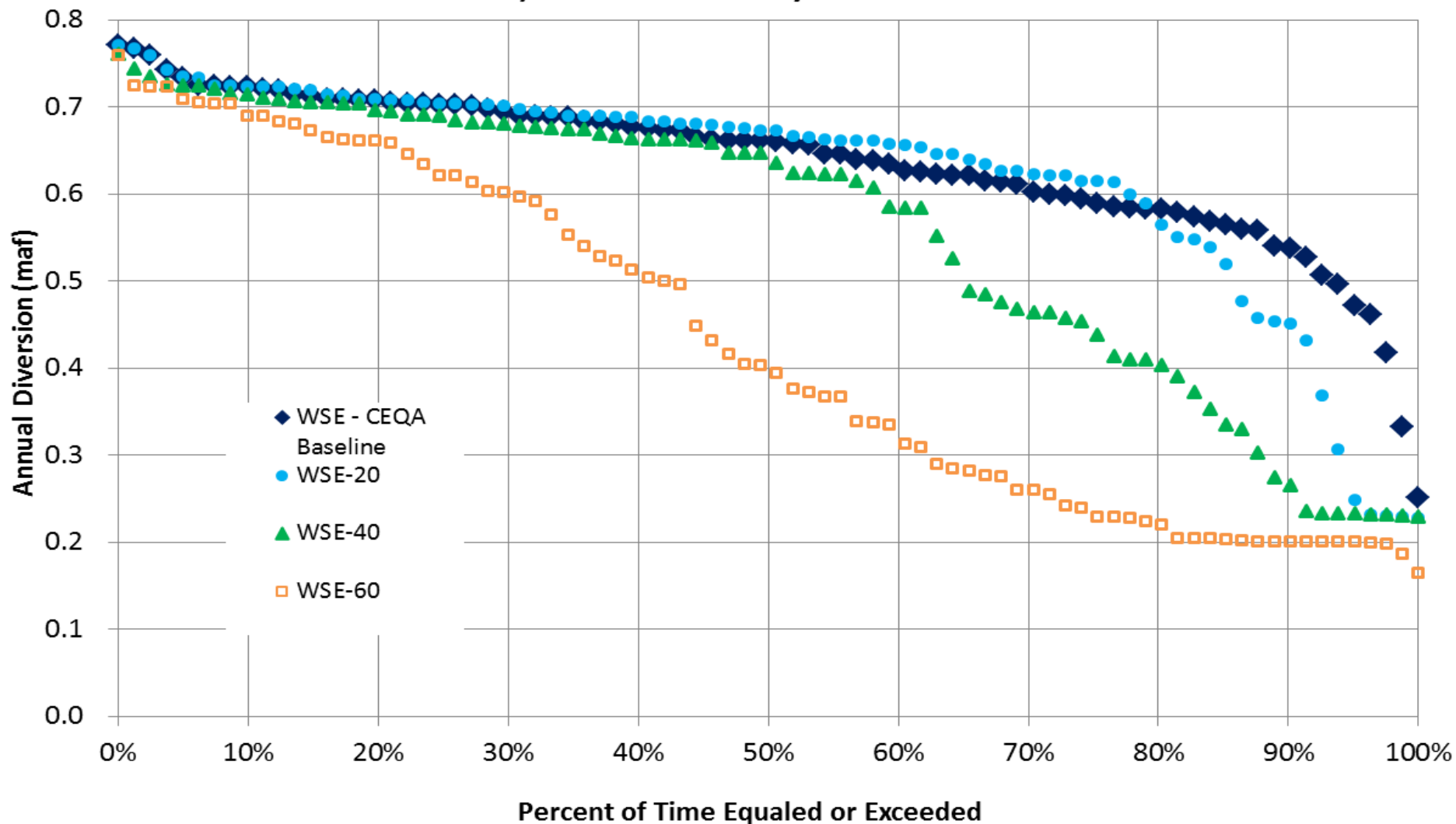


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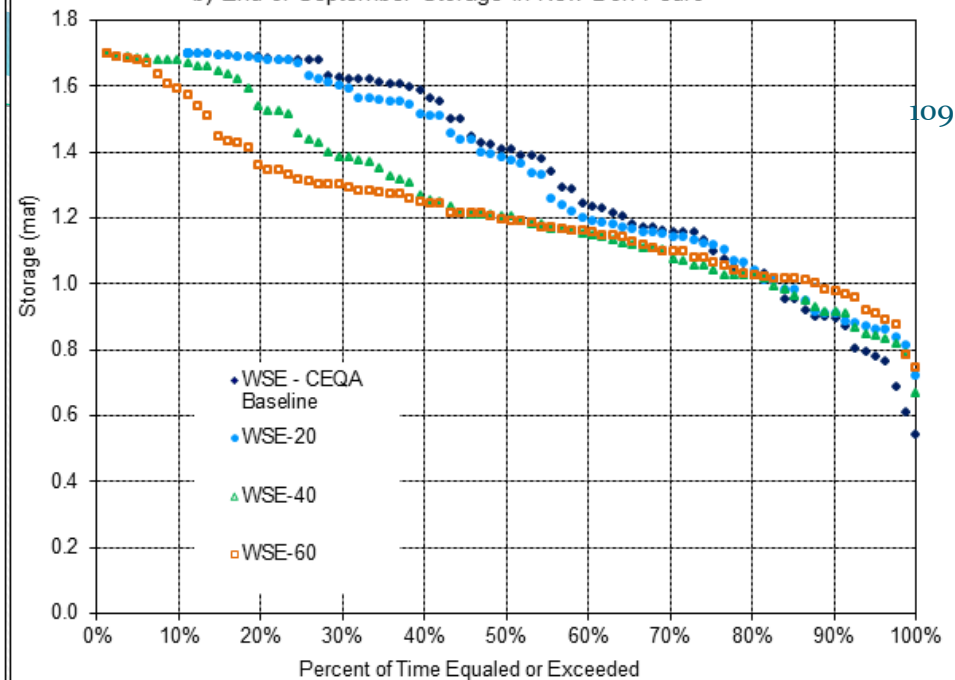


Diversion Exceedence in WSE Alternatives

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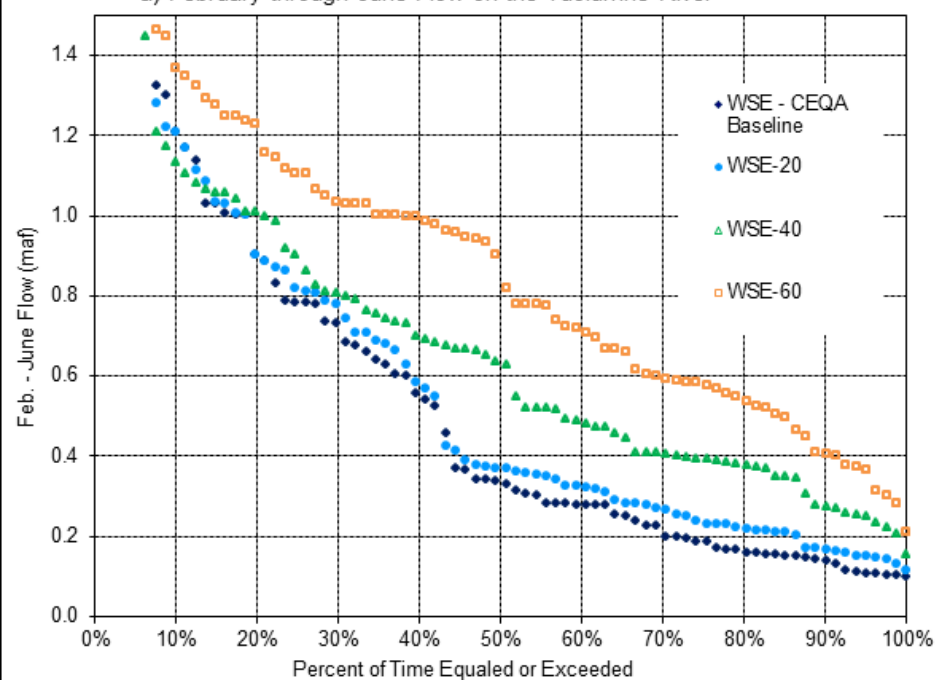


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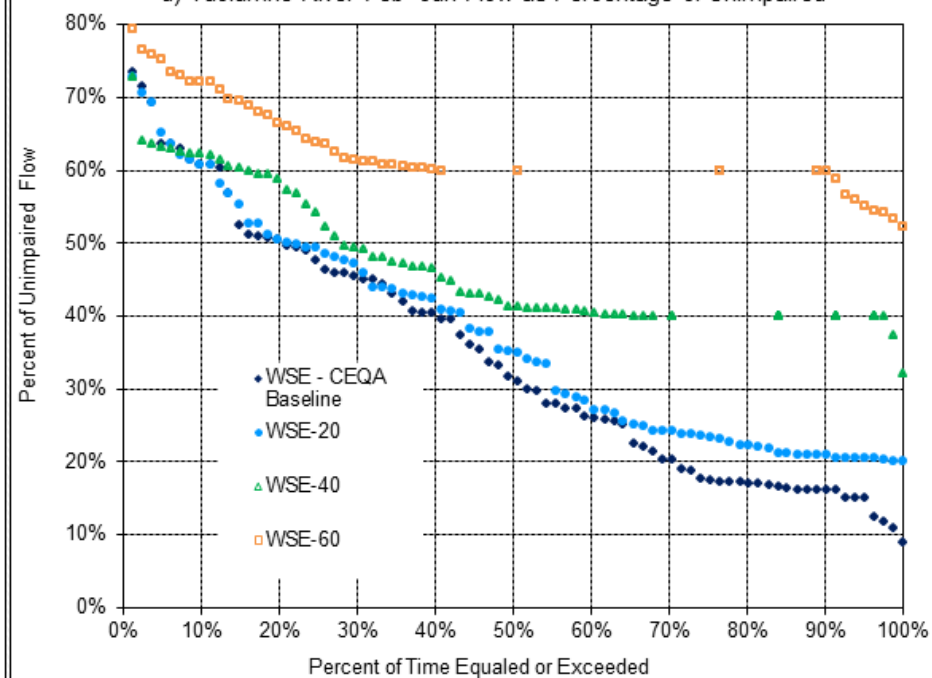


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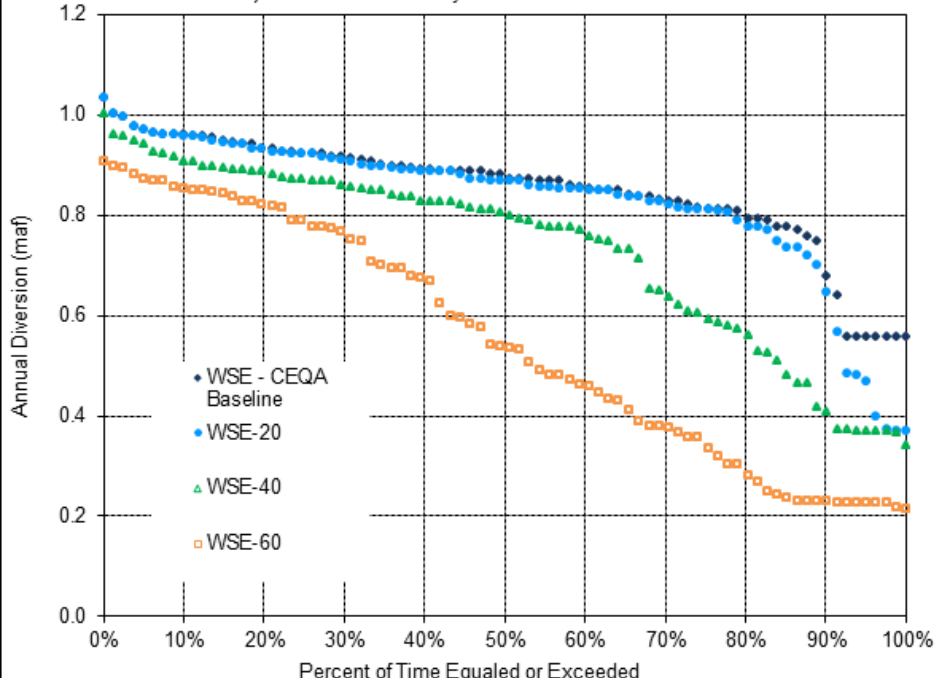
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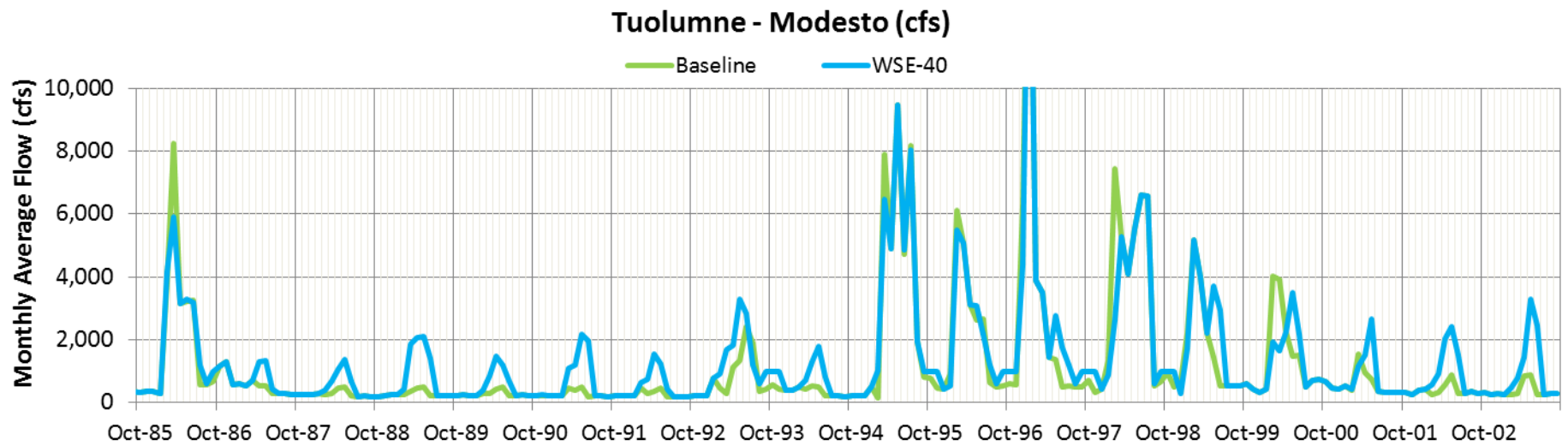


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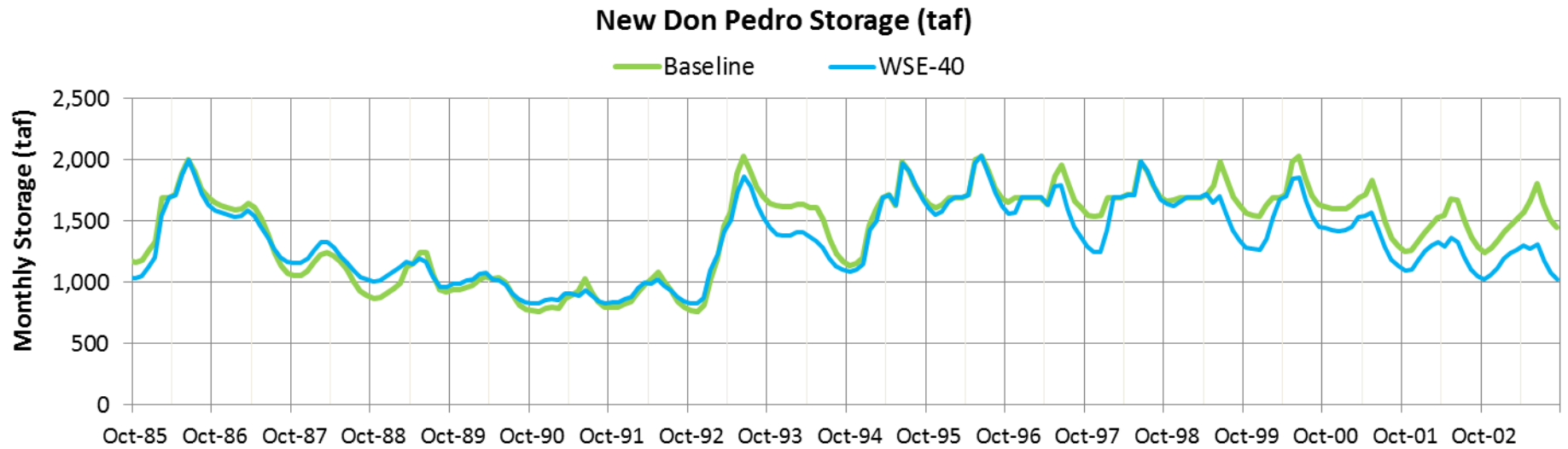


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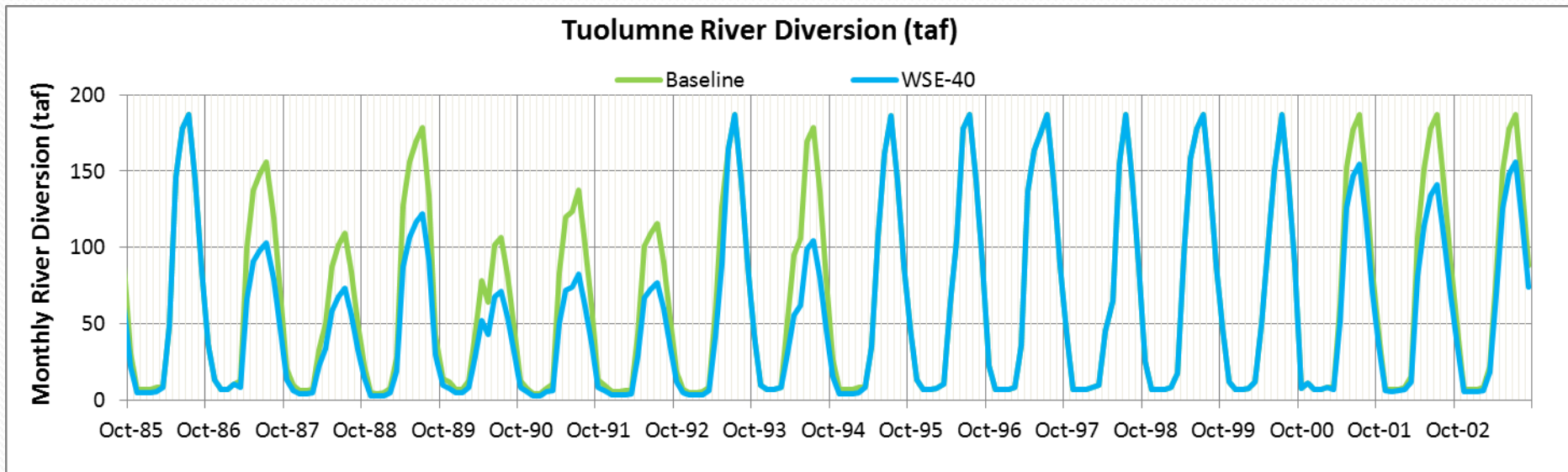
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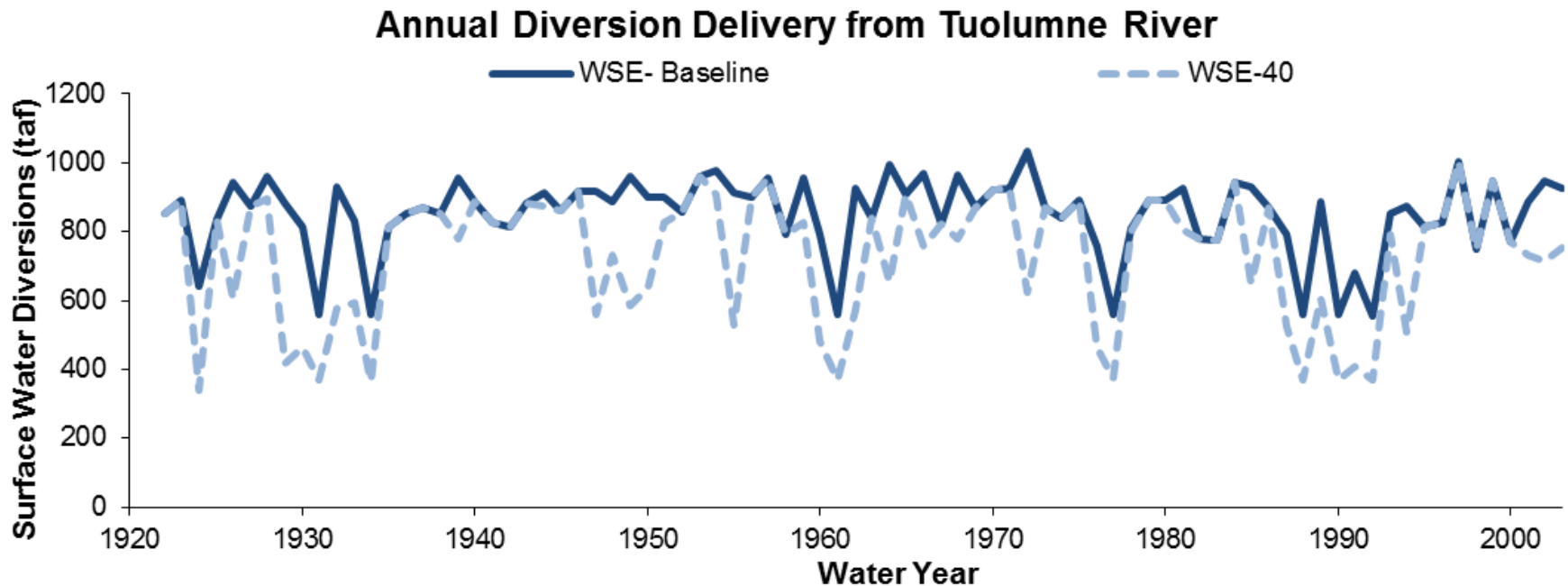
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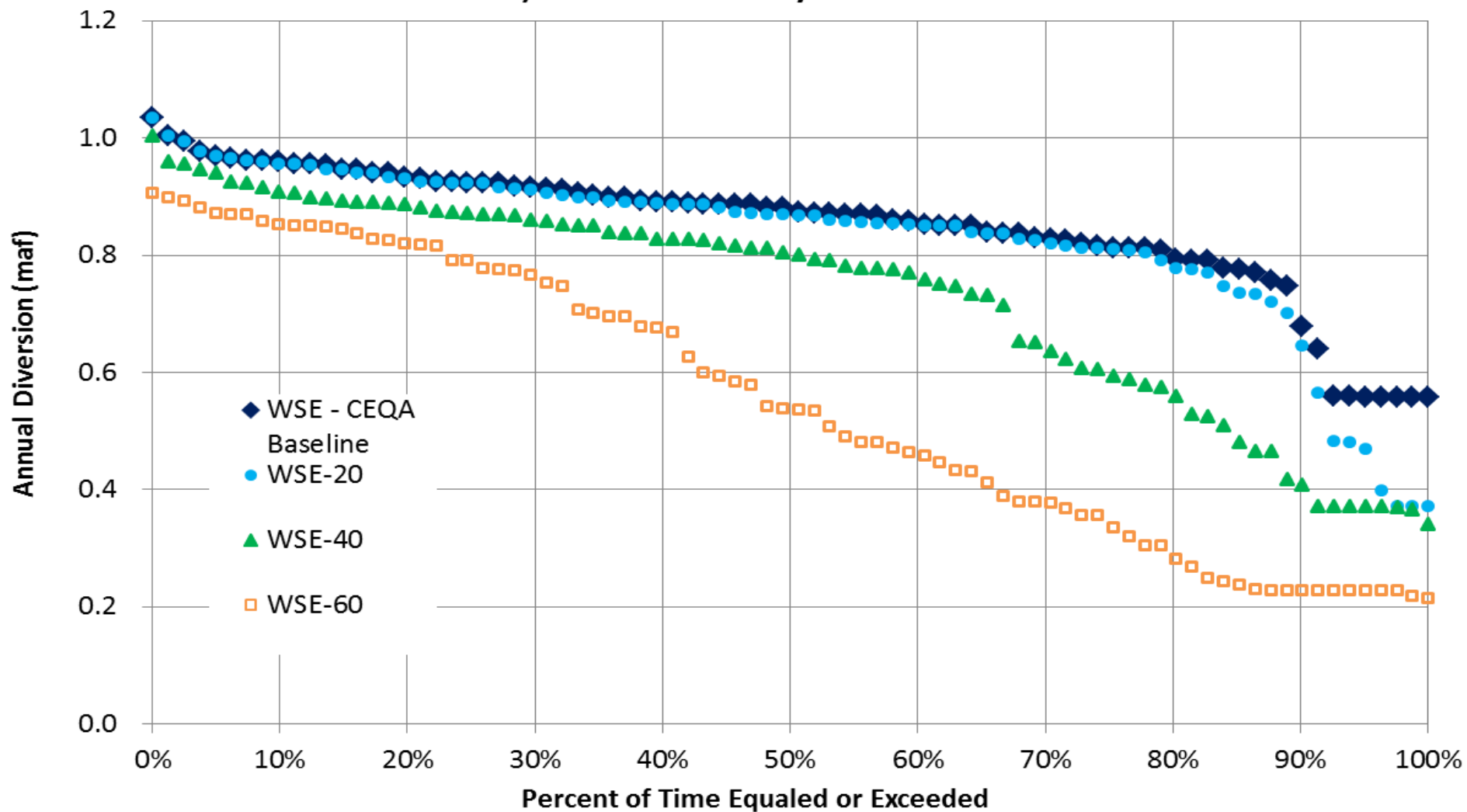


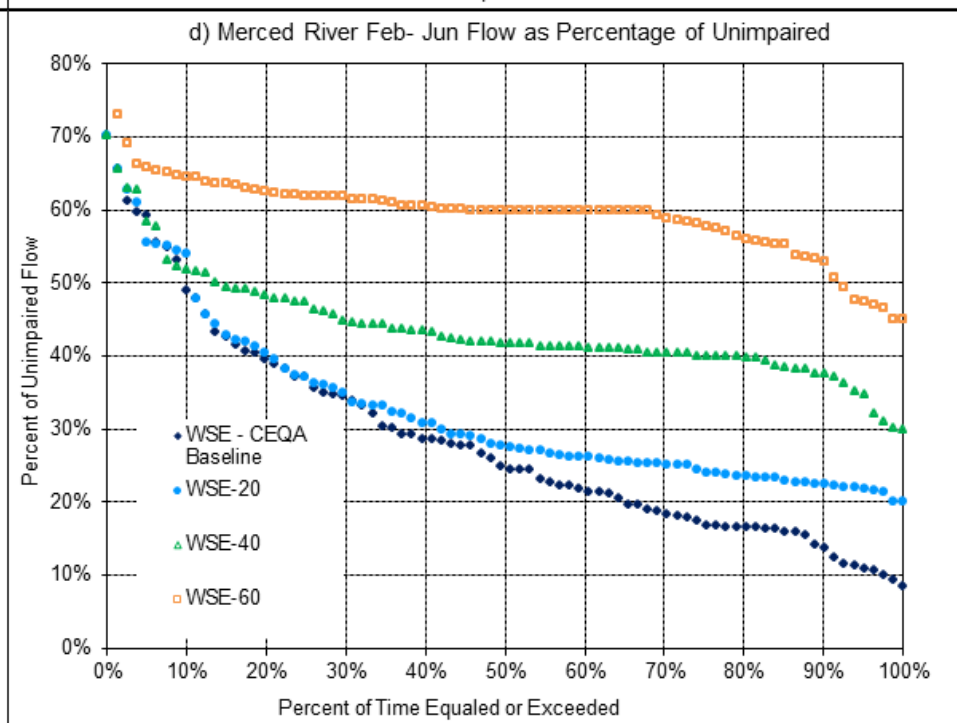
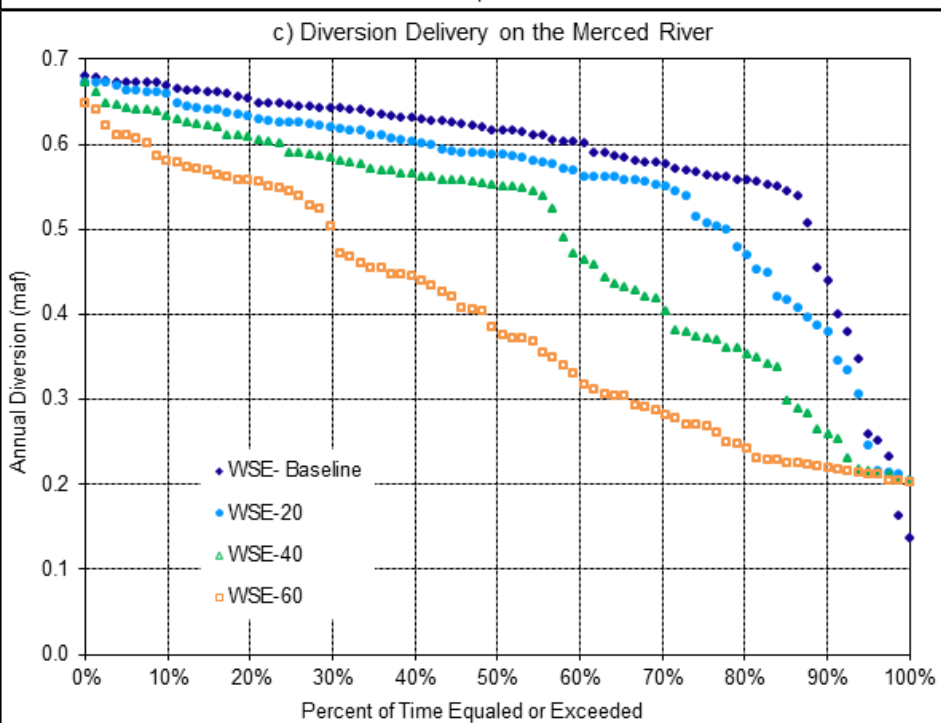
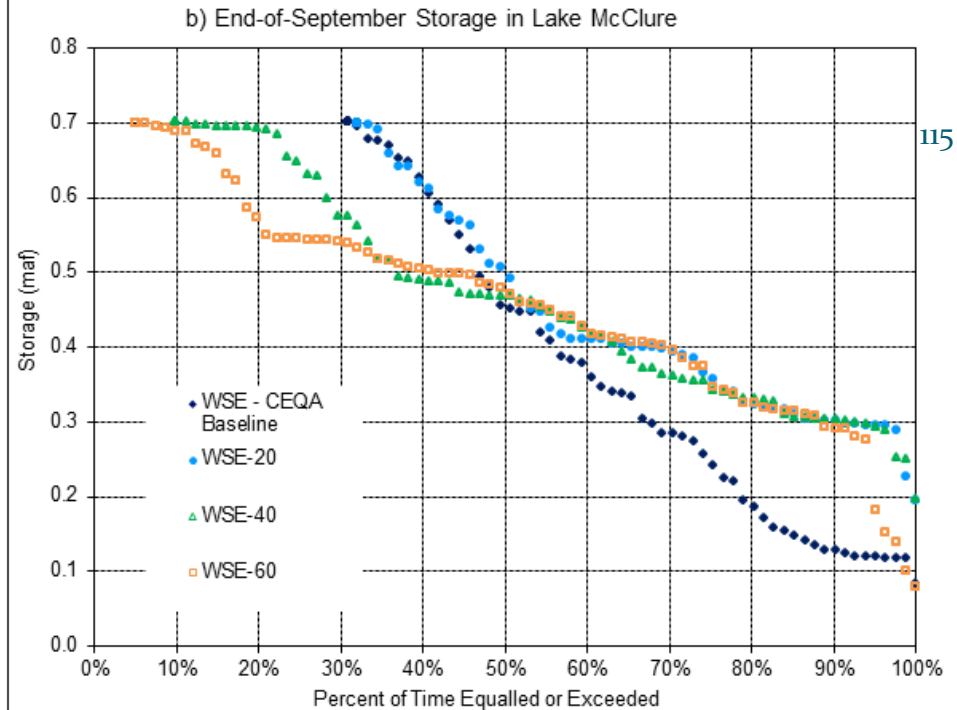
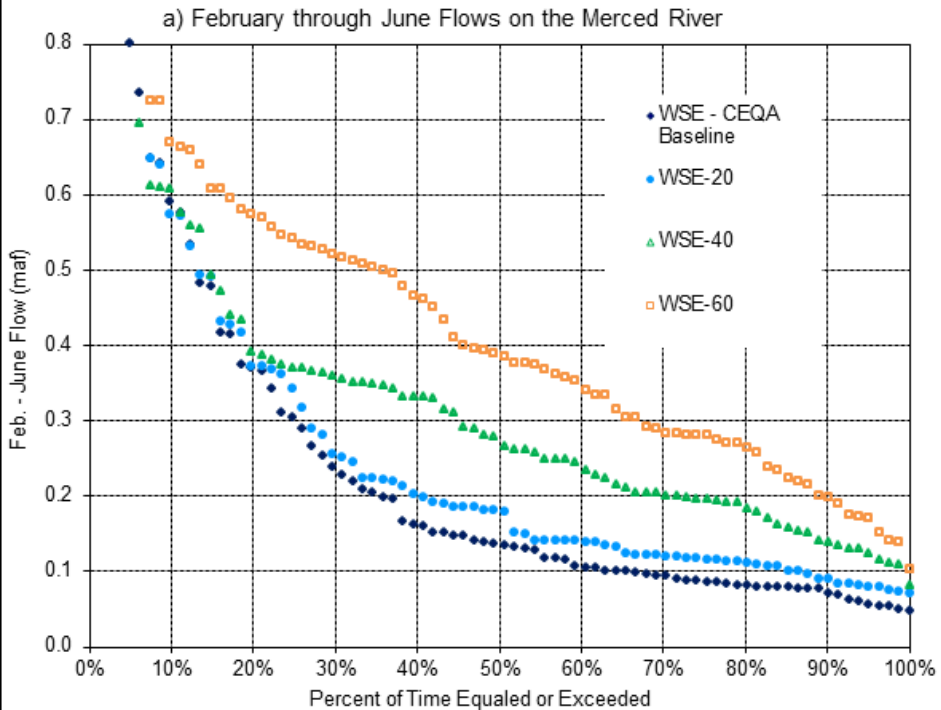
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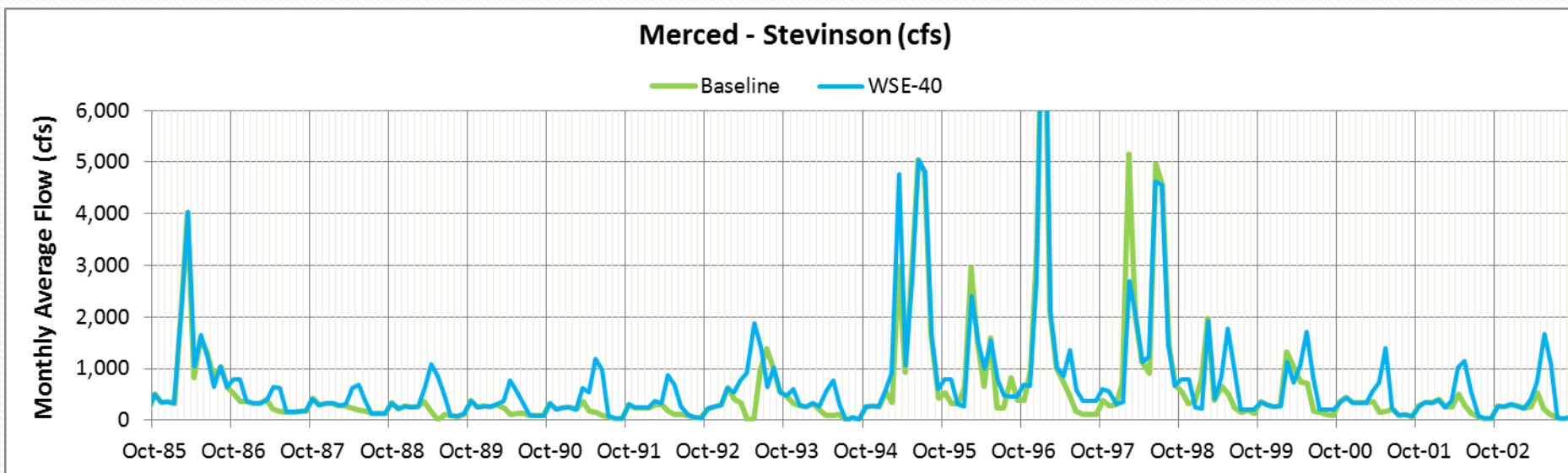
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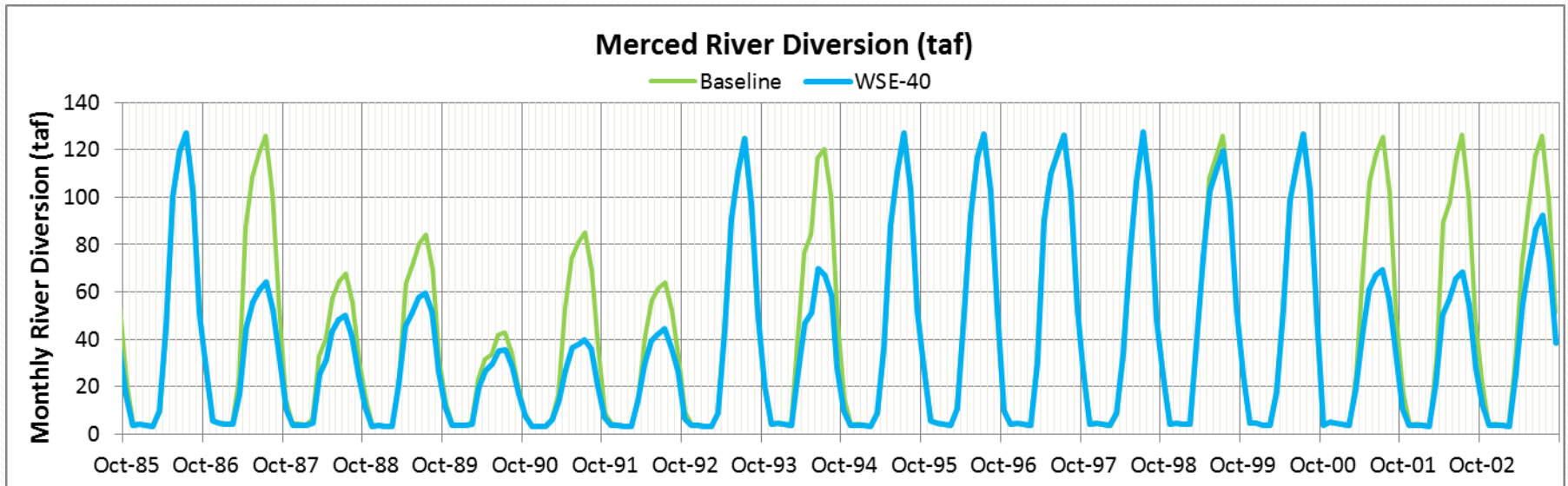


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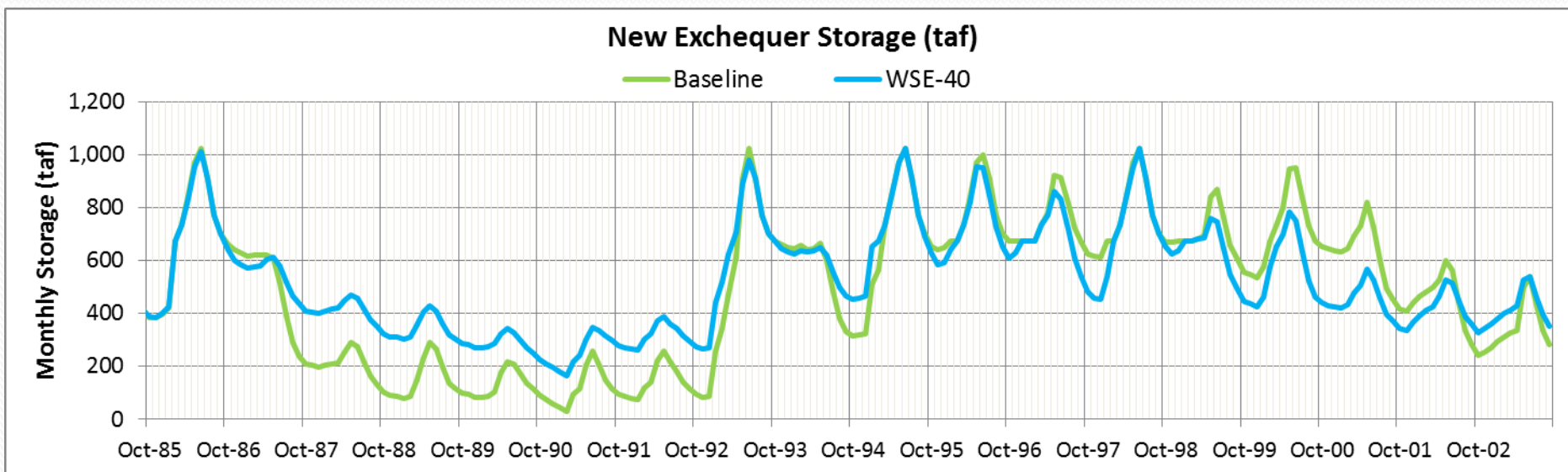
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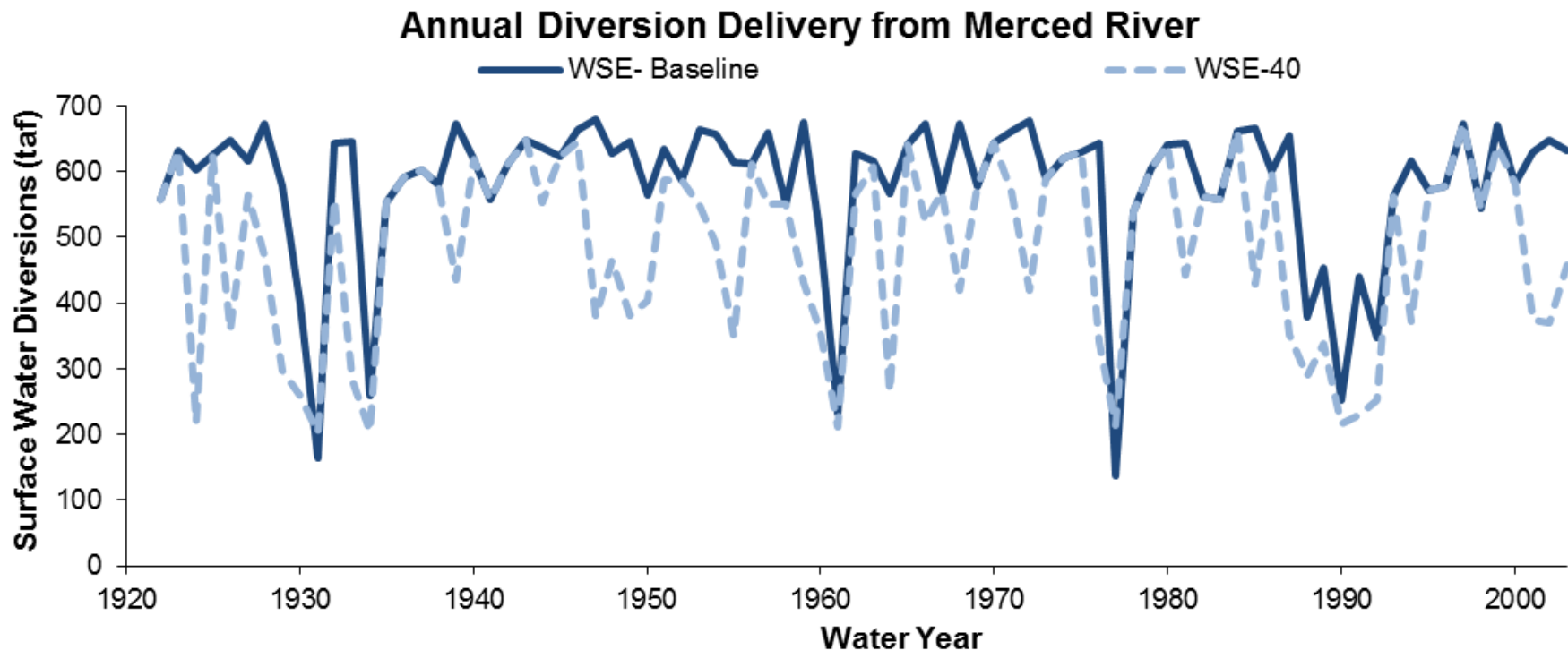
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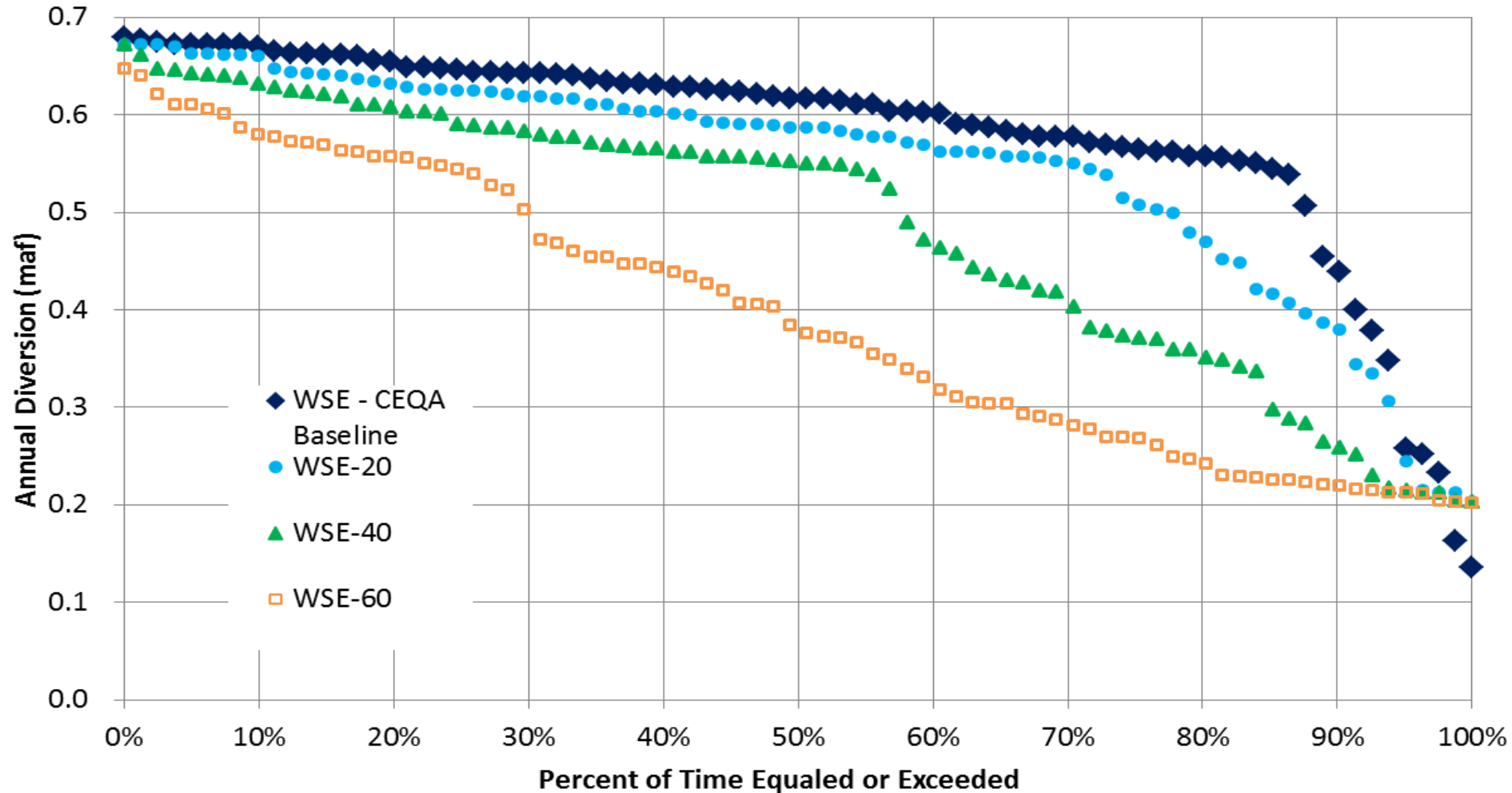


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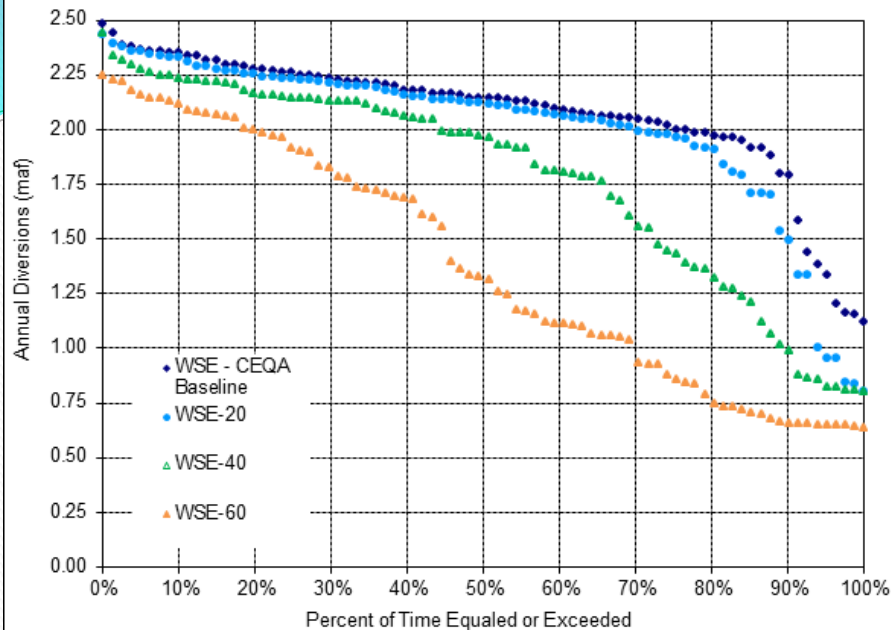
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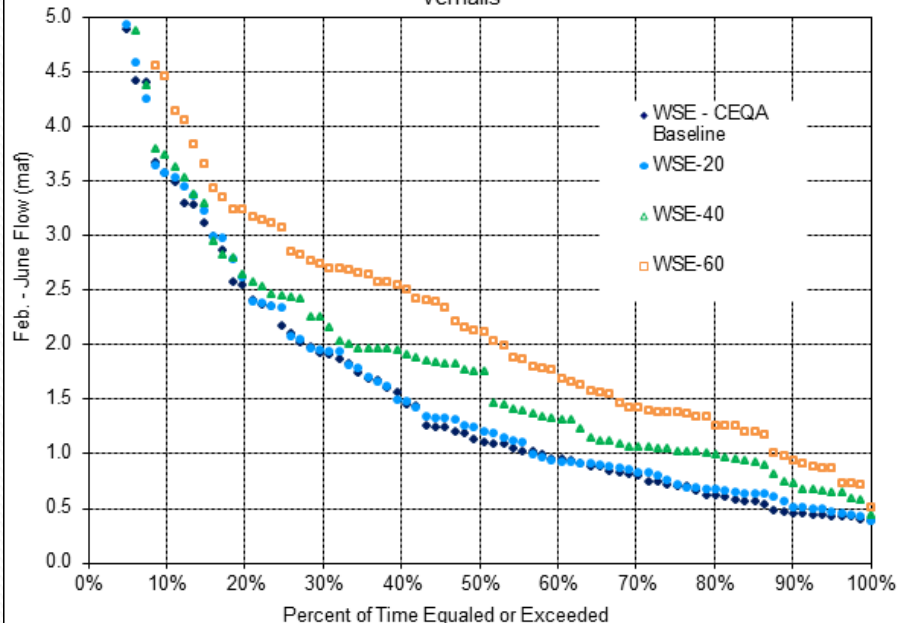


Plan Area Total Diversion & Flow Exceedences at Vernalis

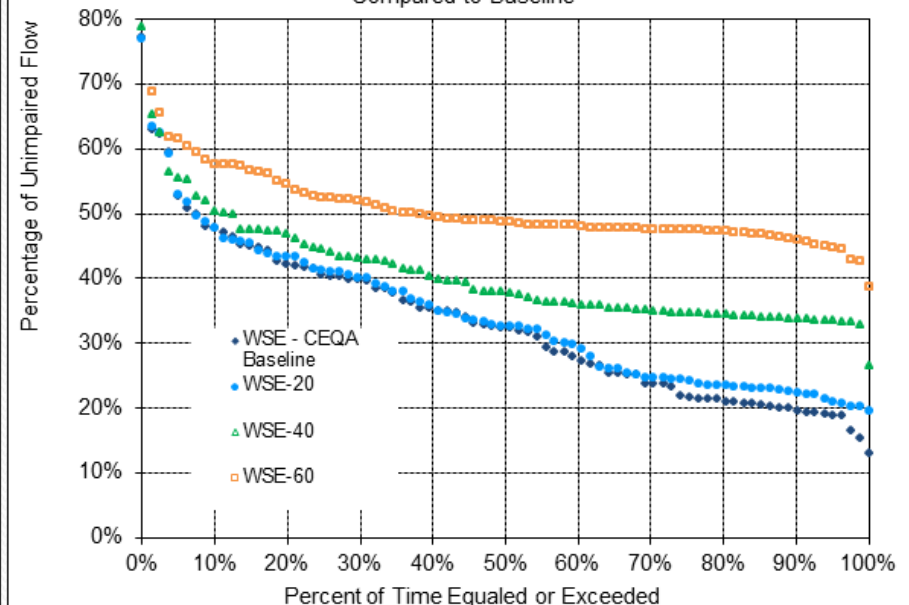
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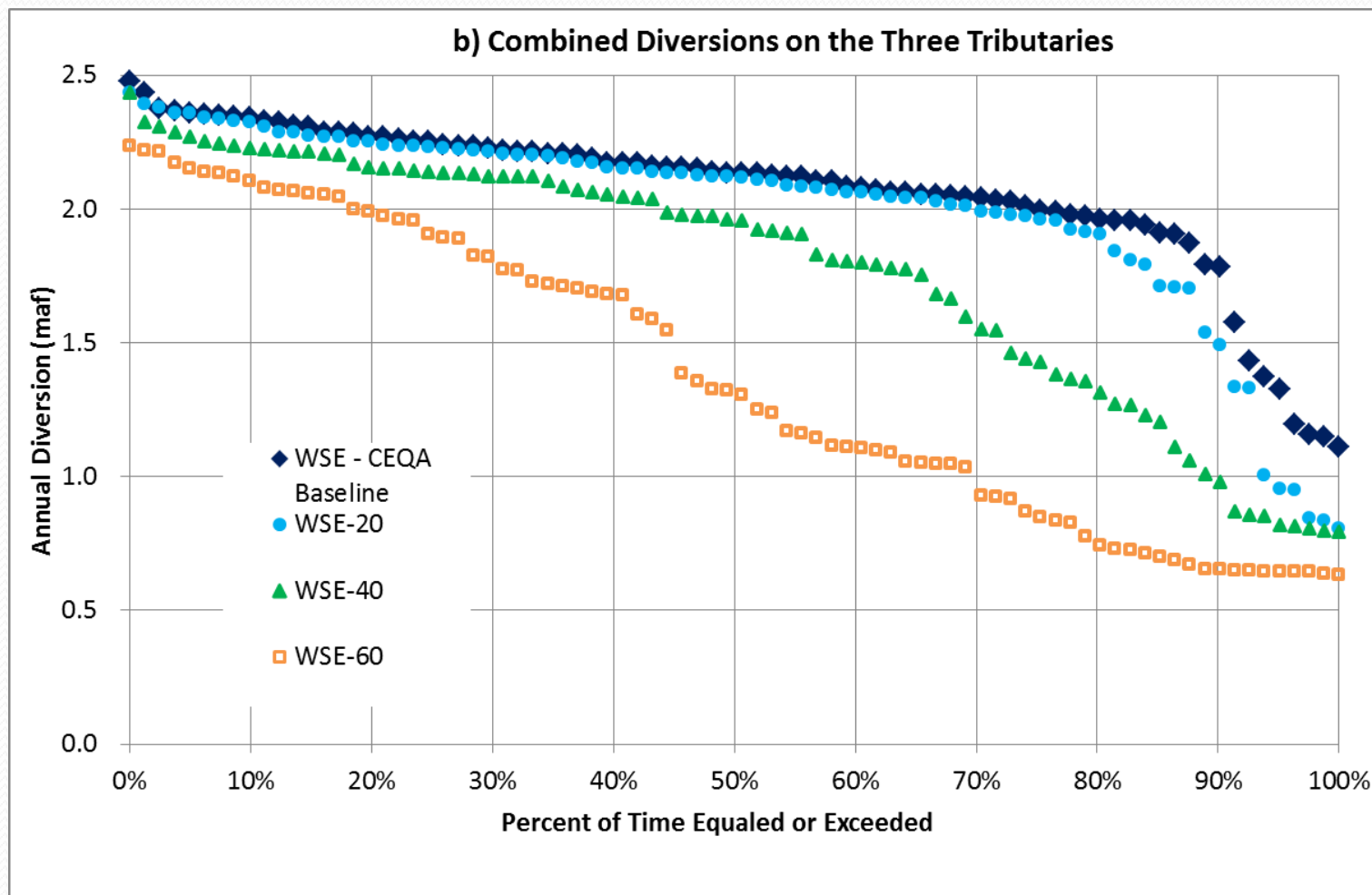


c) February through June Flow in the San Joaquin River at Vernalis Compared to Baseline



Plan Area Total

Diversion Exceedence in WSE Alternatives



Estimated Effect on Average Annual Surface Water Diversion

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Summary of Mean Annual Water Supply Effects (Table ES-2)

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		Baseline	Percent of Unimpaired Flow								
		Diversion	20%	25%	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%	55%	60%
Stanislaus	Volume (TAF)	637	624	616	604	592	558	540	500	470	431
	Change (TAF)		-12	-20	-33	-45	-79	-97	-136	-167	-206
	Change (%)		-2	-3	-5	-7	-12	-15	-21	-26	-32
Tuolumne	Volume (TAF)	851	831	819	795	769	732	701	657	610	553
	Change (TAF)		-20	-32	-56	-82	-119	-149	-193	-240	-298
	Change (%)		-2	-4	-7	-10	-14	-18	-23	-28	-35
Merced	Volume (TAF)	580	547	536	520	505	485	470	444	422	395
	Change (TAF)		-33	-44	-60	-75	-95	-111	-136	-159	-185
	Change (%)		-6	-8	-10	-13	-16	-19	-23	-27	-32
Plan Area (Total of Three Tributaries)	Volume (TAF)	2,068	2,002	1,972	1,919	1,866	1,775	1,711	1,602	1,502	1,379
	Change (TAF)		-65	-96	-149	-202	-293	-357	-465	-566	-689
	Change (%)		-3	-5	-7	-10	-14	-17	-23	-27	-33

Note: Gray shading highlights numbers that are discussed in the text.

TAF = thousand acre-feet

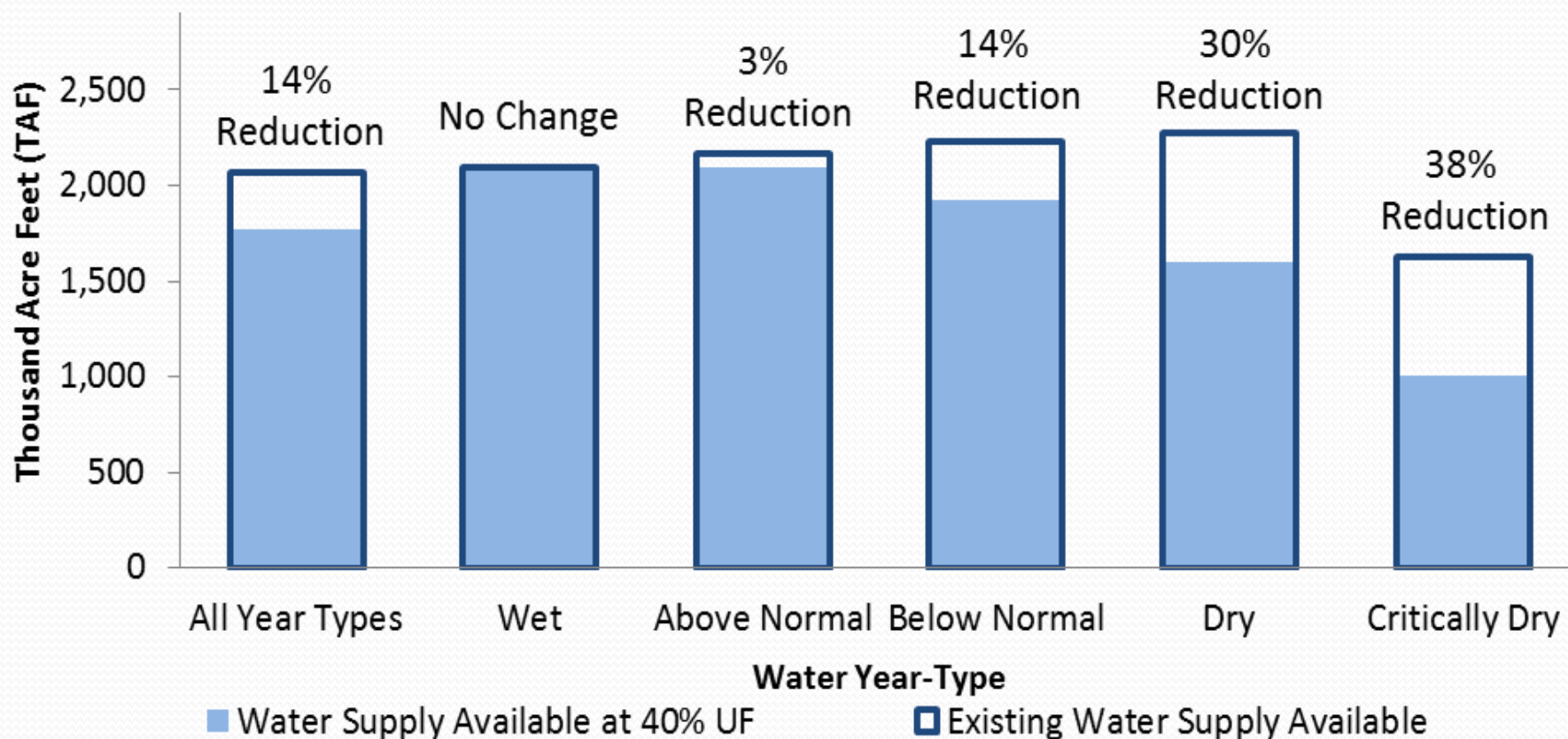
Mean Annual Water Supply Effects of LSJR Alternative 3 (40 Percent Unimpaired Flow Proposal) by Water Year Type (Table ES-3)

		Year Type				
		Wet	Above Normal	Below Normal	Dry	Critically Dry
Stanislaus	Baseline (TAF)	661	661	661	683	520
	LSJR Alt 3 (40% UF) (TAF)	662	630	613	536	303
	Change (TAF)	1	-31	-48	-147	-217
	Change (%)	0%	-5%	-7%	-22%	-42%
Tuolumne	Baseline (TAF)	848	882	931	938	689
	LSJR Alt 3 (40% UF) (TAF)	845	855	800	681	426
	Change (TAF)	-3	-27	-131	-257	-263
	Change (%)	0%	-3%	-14%	-27%	-38%
Merced	Baseline (TAF)	591	622	642	650	416
	LSJR Alt 3 (40% UF) (TAF)	591	607	508	381	272
	Change (TAF)	0	-15	-134	-268	-144
	Change (%)	0%	-2%	-21%	-41%	-35%
Plan Area (Total of Three Tributaries)	Baseline (TAF)	2,099	2,164	2,233	2,271	1,625
	LSJR Alt 3 (40% UF) (TAF)	2,097	2,091	1,921	1,598	1,001
	Change (TAF)	-2	-73	-313	-673	-624
	Change (%)	0%	-3%	-14%	-30%	-38%

TAF = thousand acre-feet

UF = unimpaired flow

Reduction in Surface Water Availability by Water Year Type (40% UF)



End of Part 2: Questions

Staff Technical Workshop Part 3: HEC-5Q Temperature Model and Results

Analytical Tools Used to Develop the Amendment to
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Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary and
Supporting Revised Substitute Environmental
Document (SED)

December 5, 2016

HEC-5Q Temperature Model

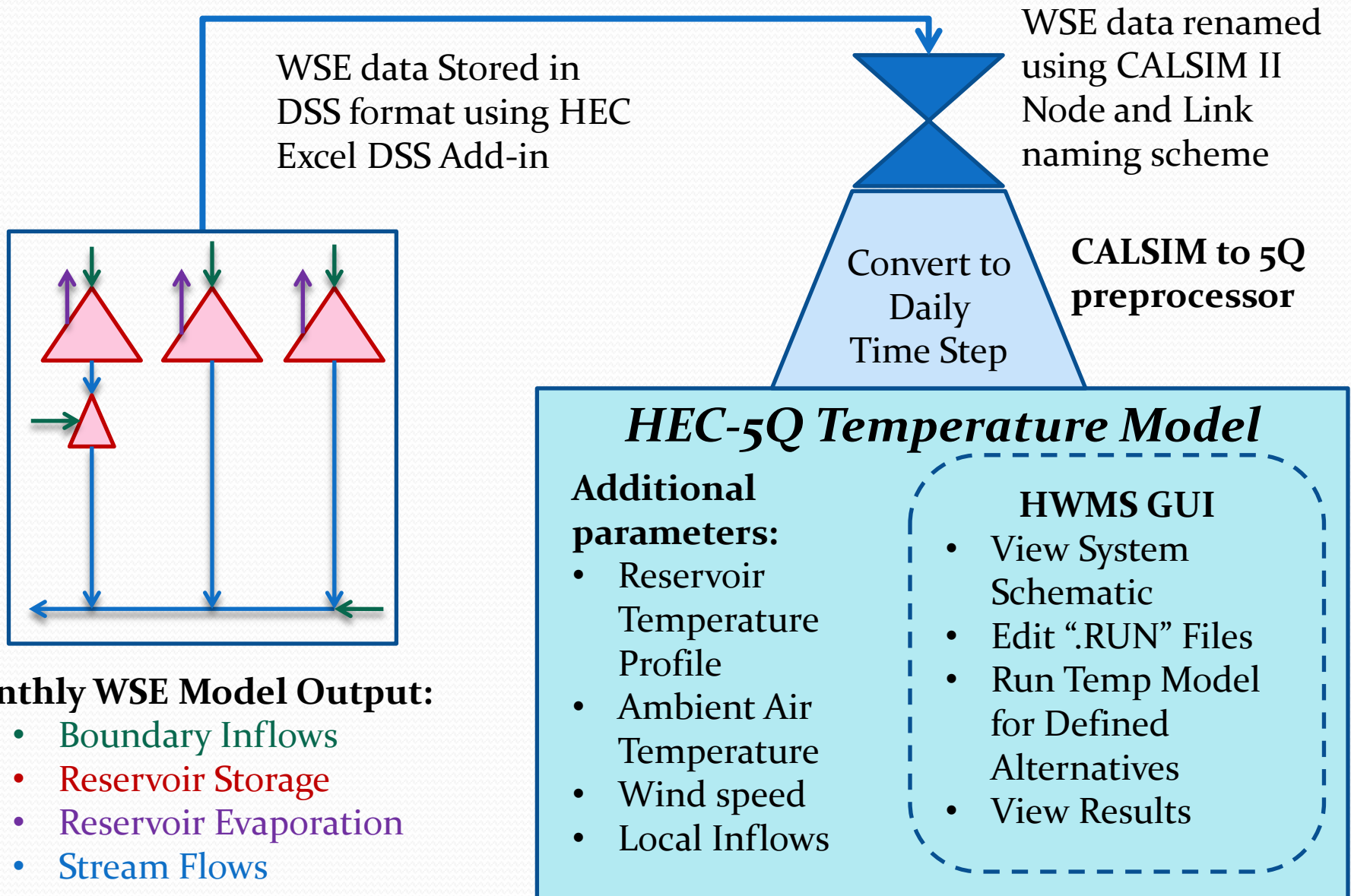
- Background
- Import of CALSIM / WSE streamflows
- Temperature results
- Effects of Reduced Spills
- Effects of Flow Shifting
- Other Noteable Effects
- Evaluation of Temperature Criteria

San Joaquin River Basin-Wide Water Temperature Model (SJR HEC-5Q)

- US Army Corps of Engineers Hydraulic Engineering Center (HEC)
- Reservoir operations and instream temperature effects
- 2009 CALFED peer review
- Recent updates in 2013 by California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- Version that uses streamflows from CALSIM flow balance / WSE model framework

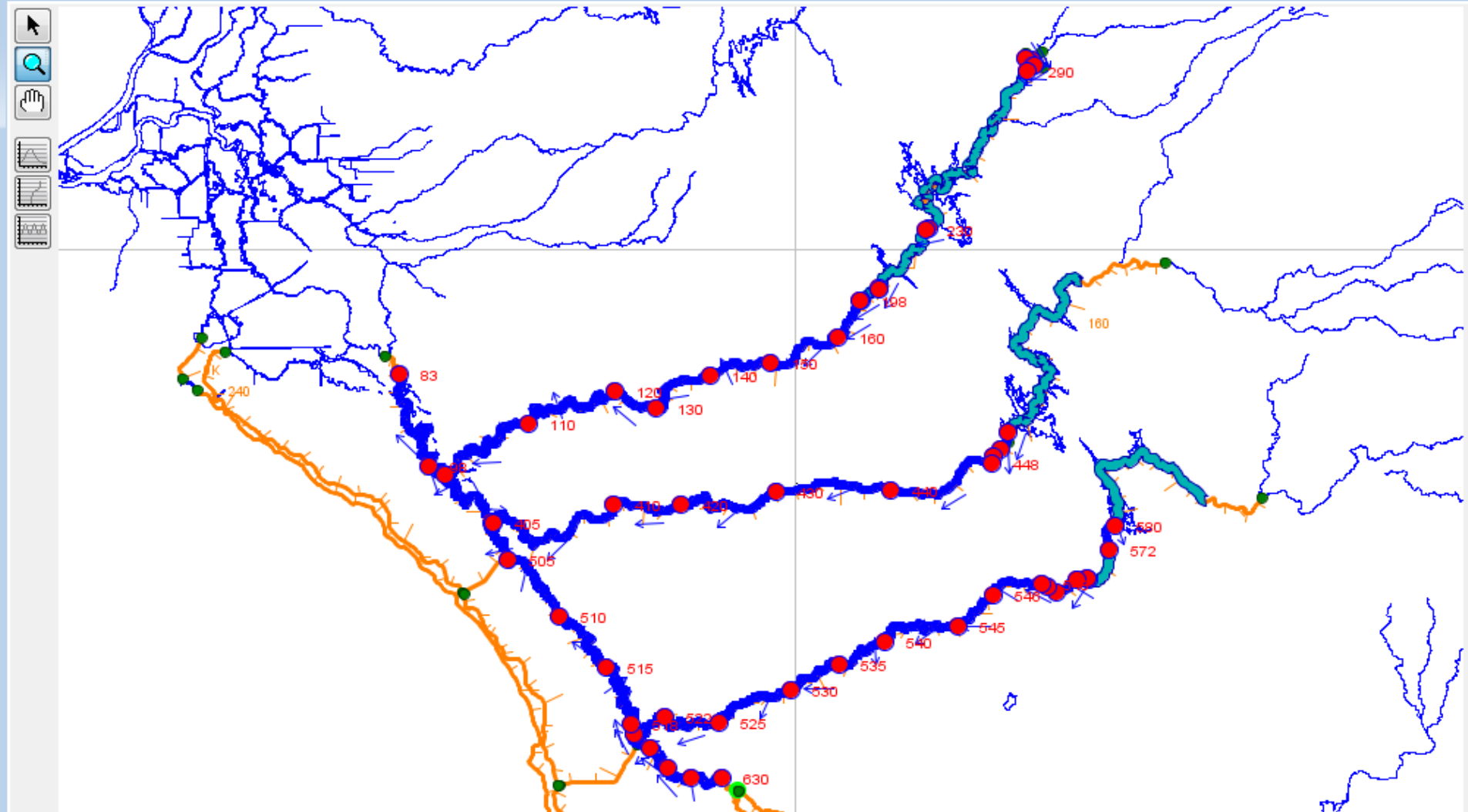
WSE Output used in SJR HEC-5Q

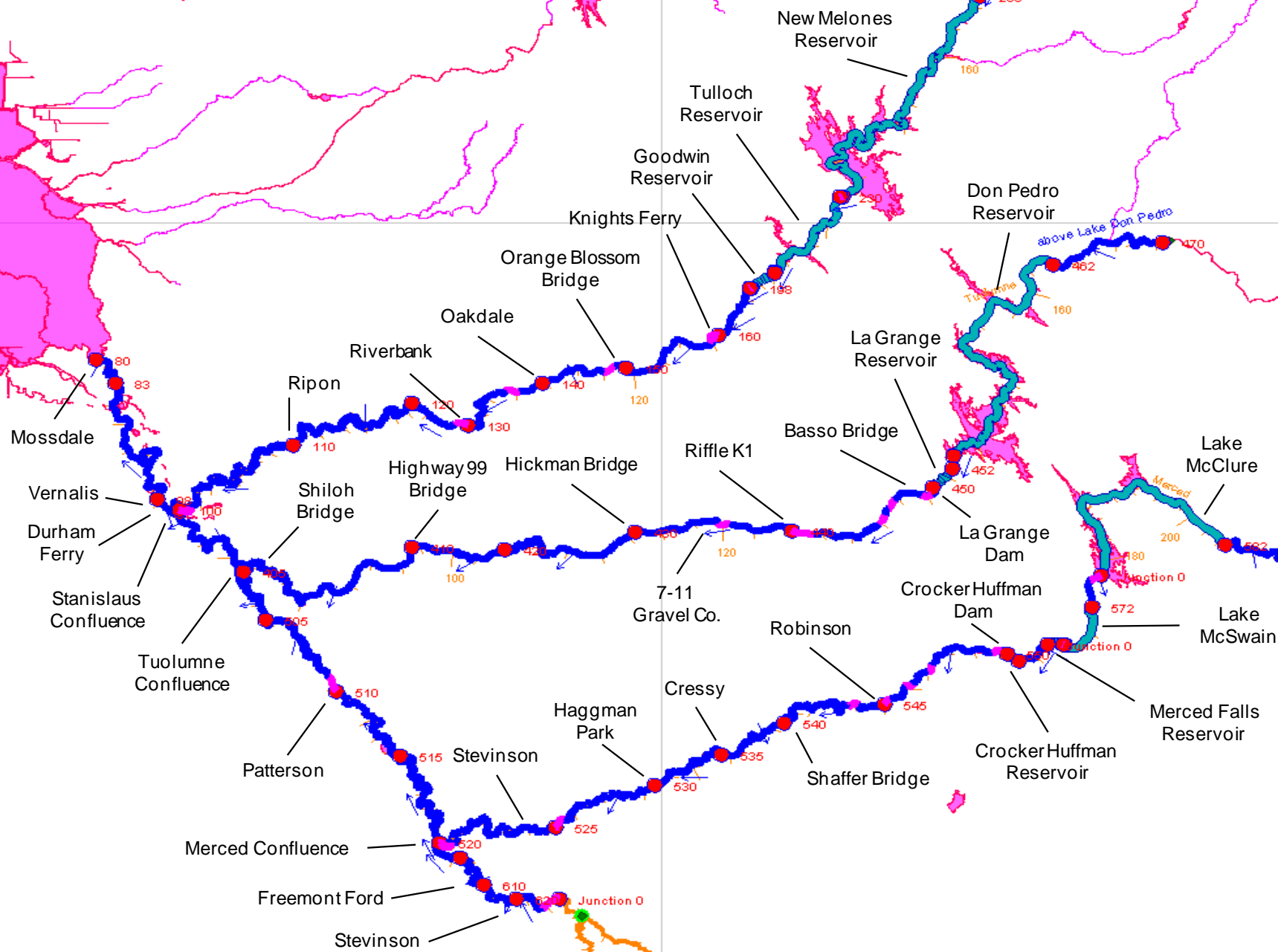
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HEC-5Q Project File 3R_Temp-opp.prj

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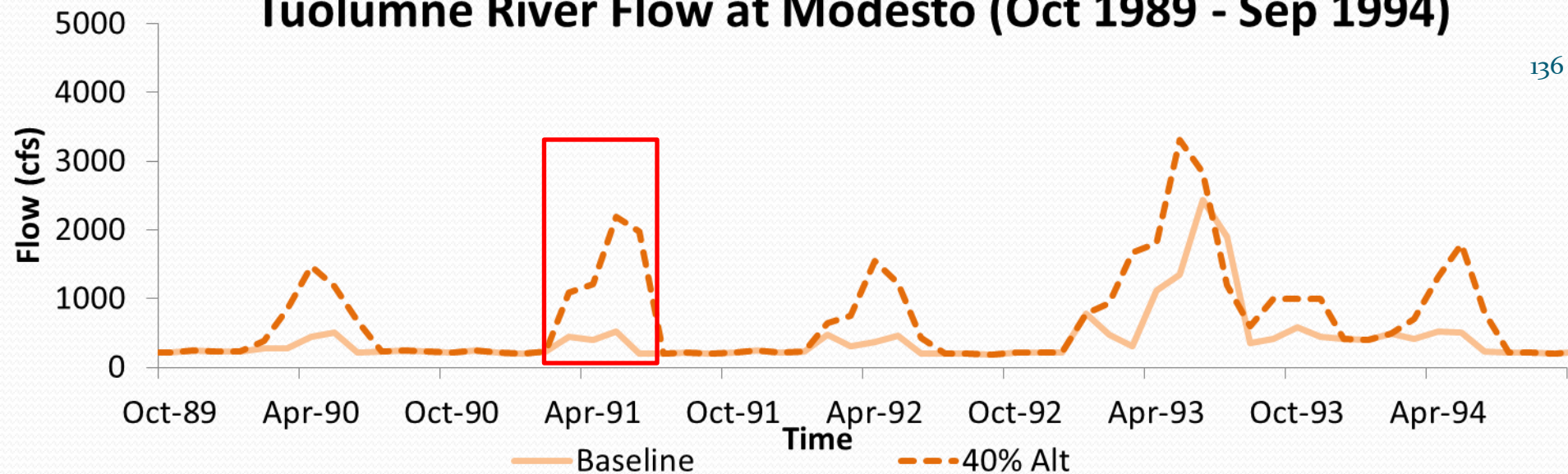


HEC-5Q Results

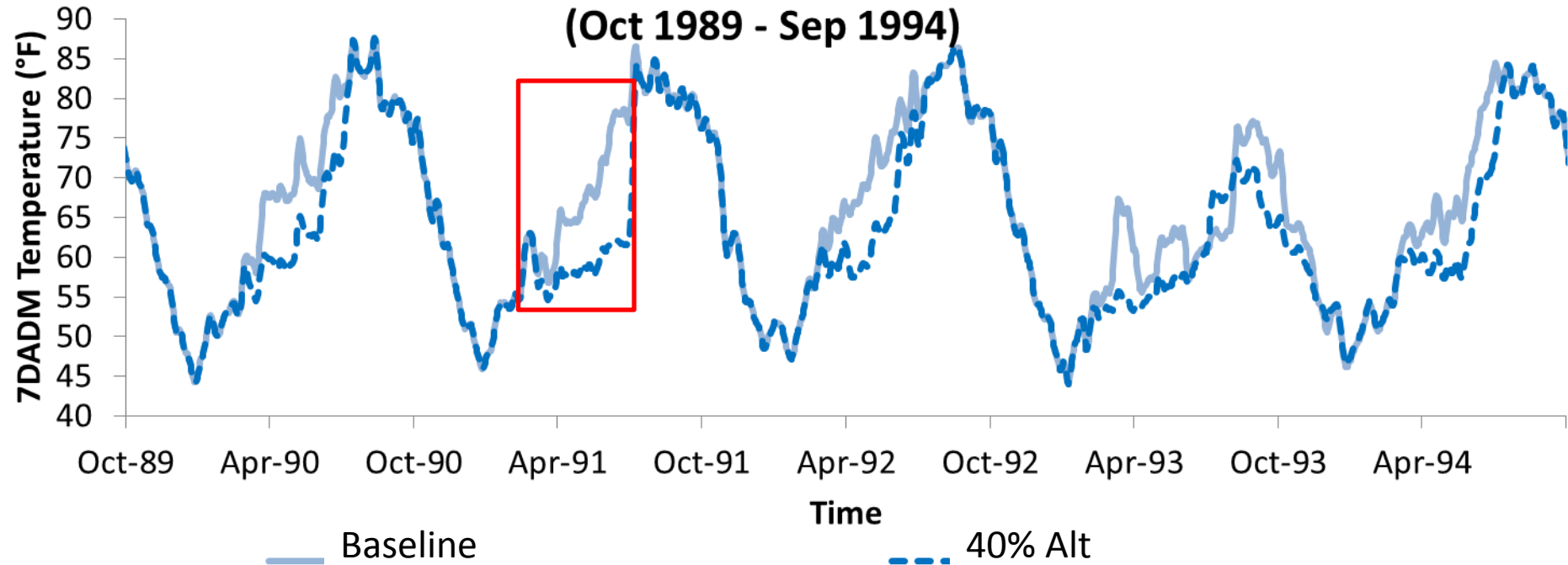
- 6 Predefined Alternatives set up in the temperature model (Baseline, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 60% UF Objectives)
- Output temperatures for a 6 hour time step from Jan 1 1970 to Dec 31 2003
- Extended model up to 2010
- Raw Temperature Results imported to Excel using HEC DSS Add-in
- 6 hour Temperature data post-processed averaging the maximum temperatures for each day over a running 7 day period (these results are referred to as the “7 Day Average of Daily Maximum”, or 7DADM, Temperatures)

Temperature Benefits of Instream Flow Alternatives

Tuolumne River Flow at Modesto (Oct 1989 - Sep 1994)

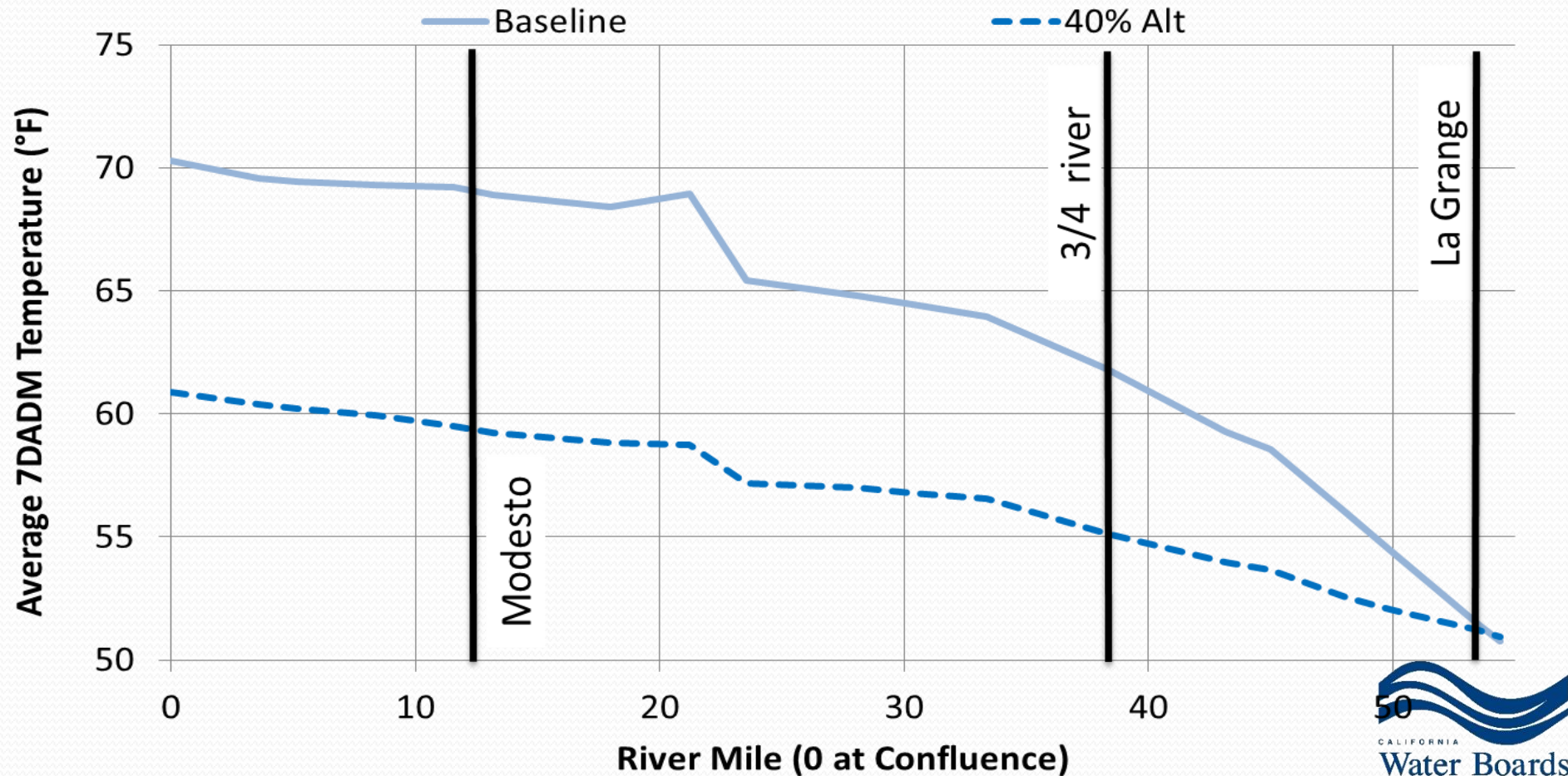


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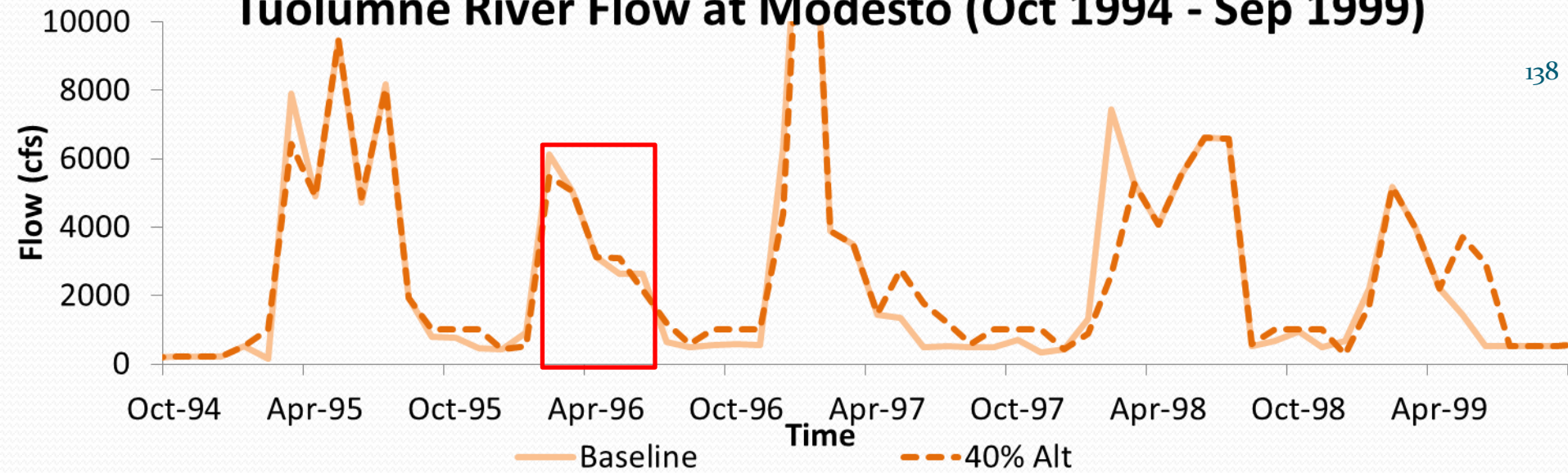


Temperature Benefit of Increased Flows

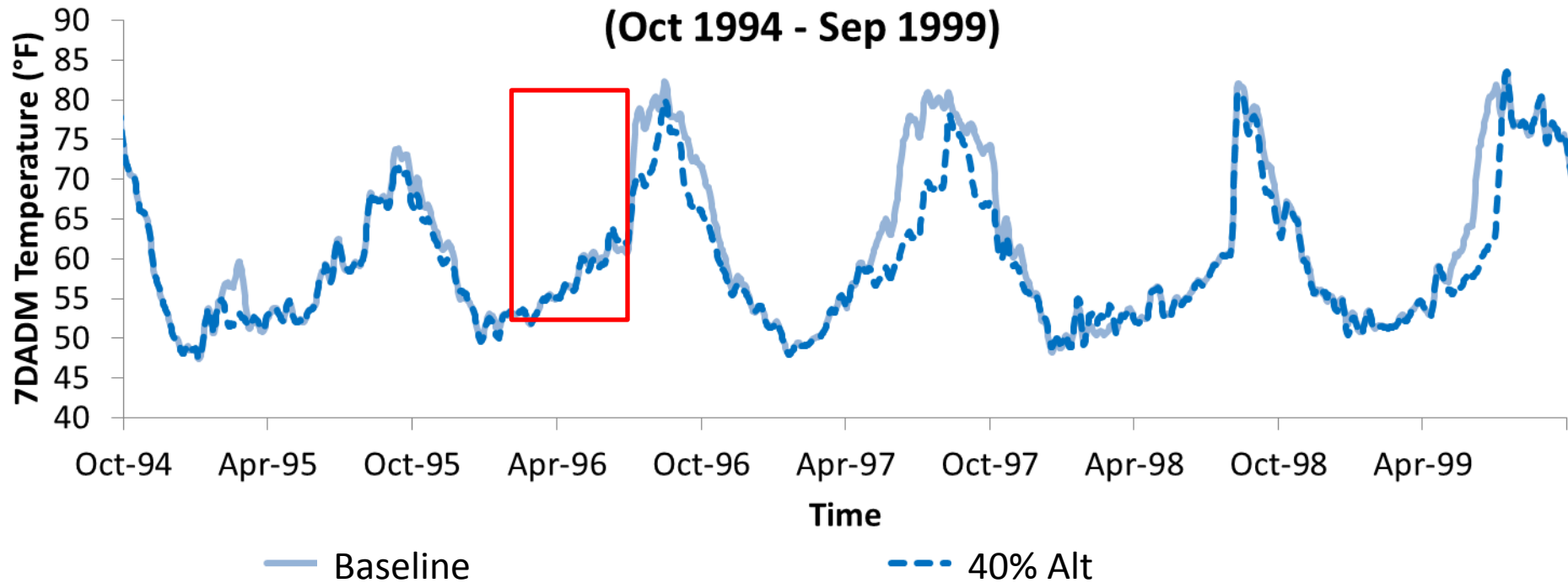
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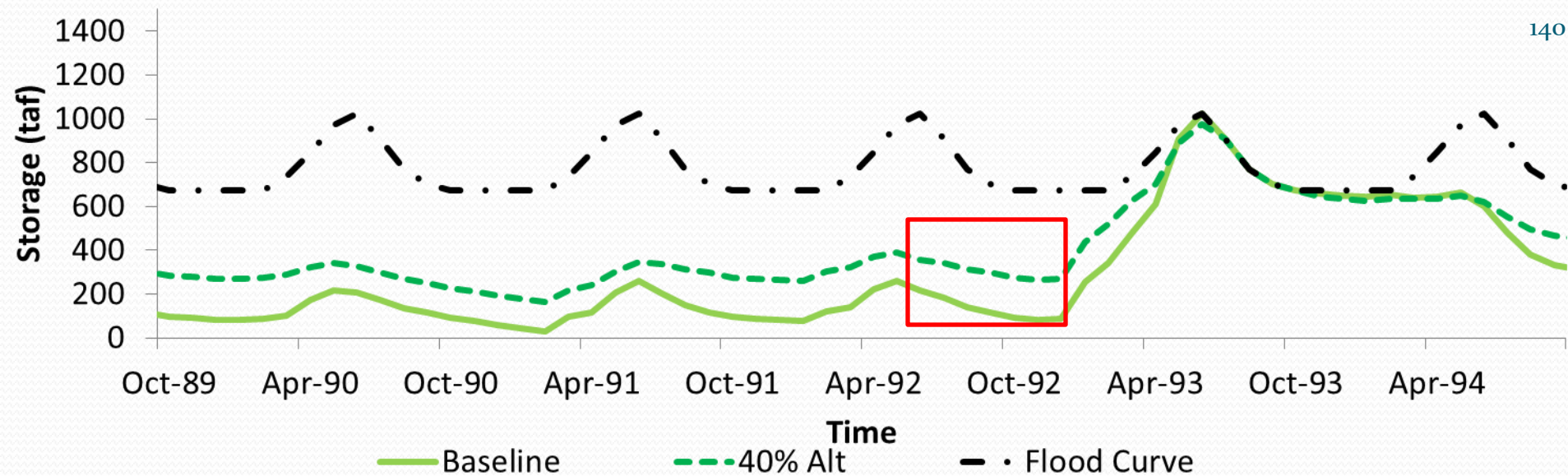


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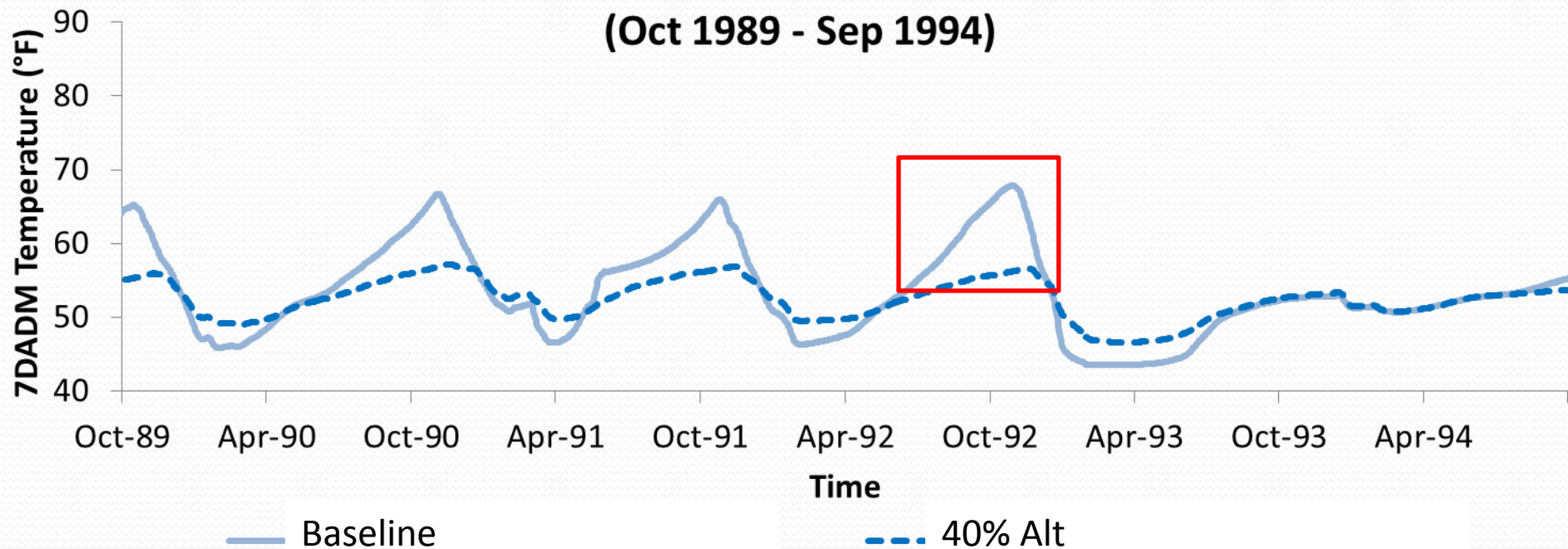


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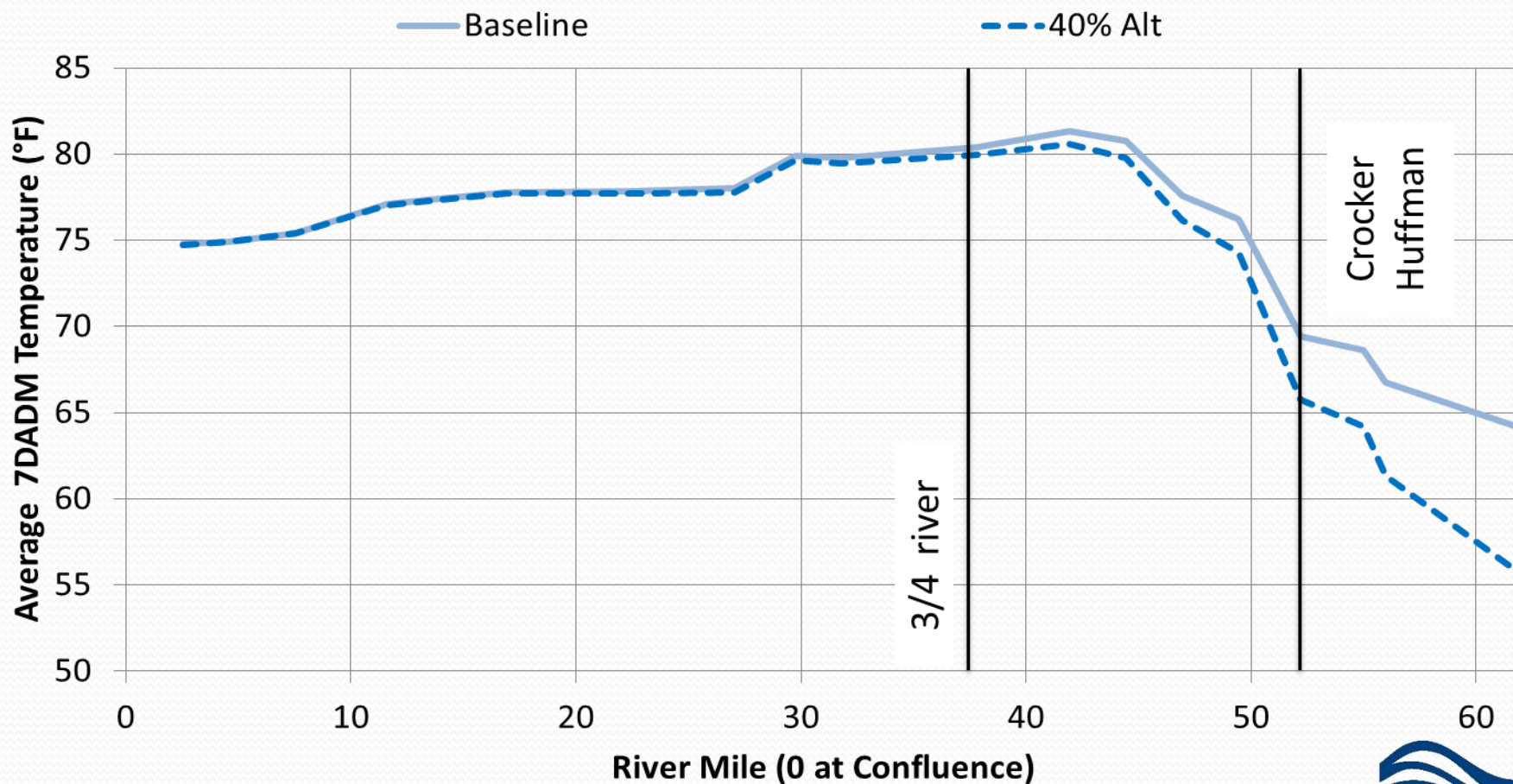
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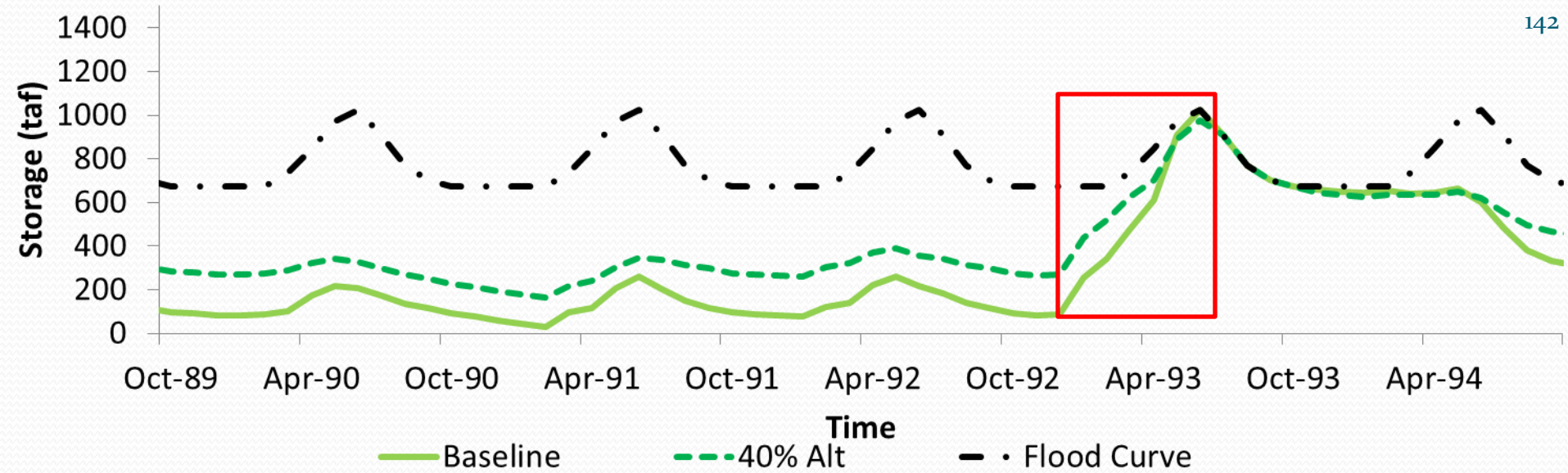
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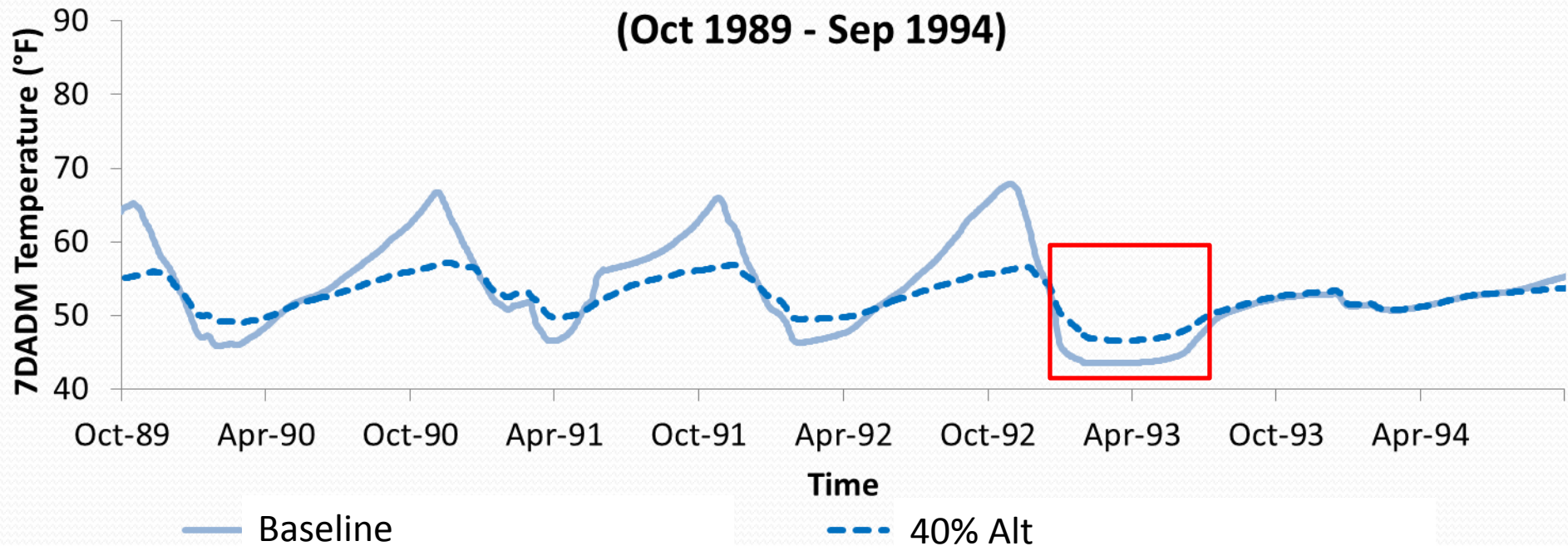
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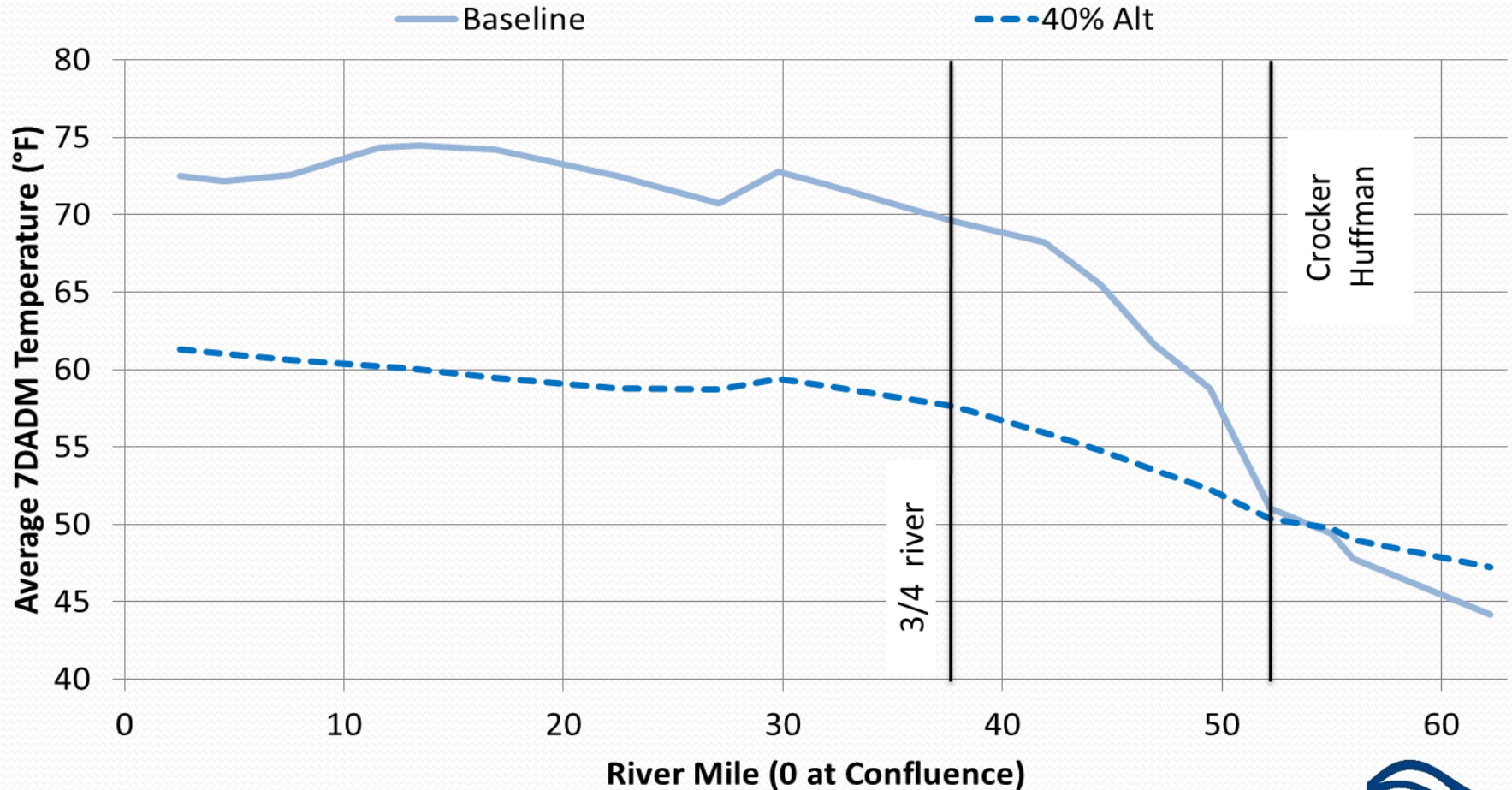
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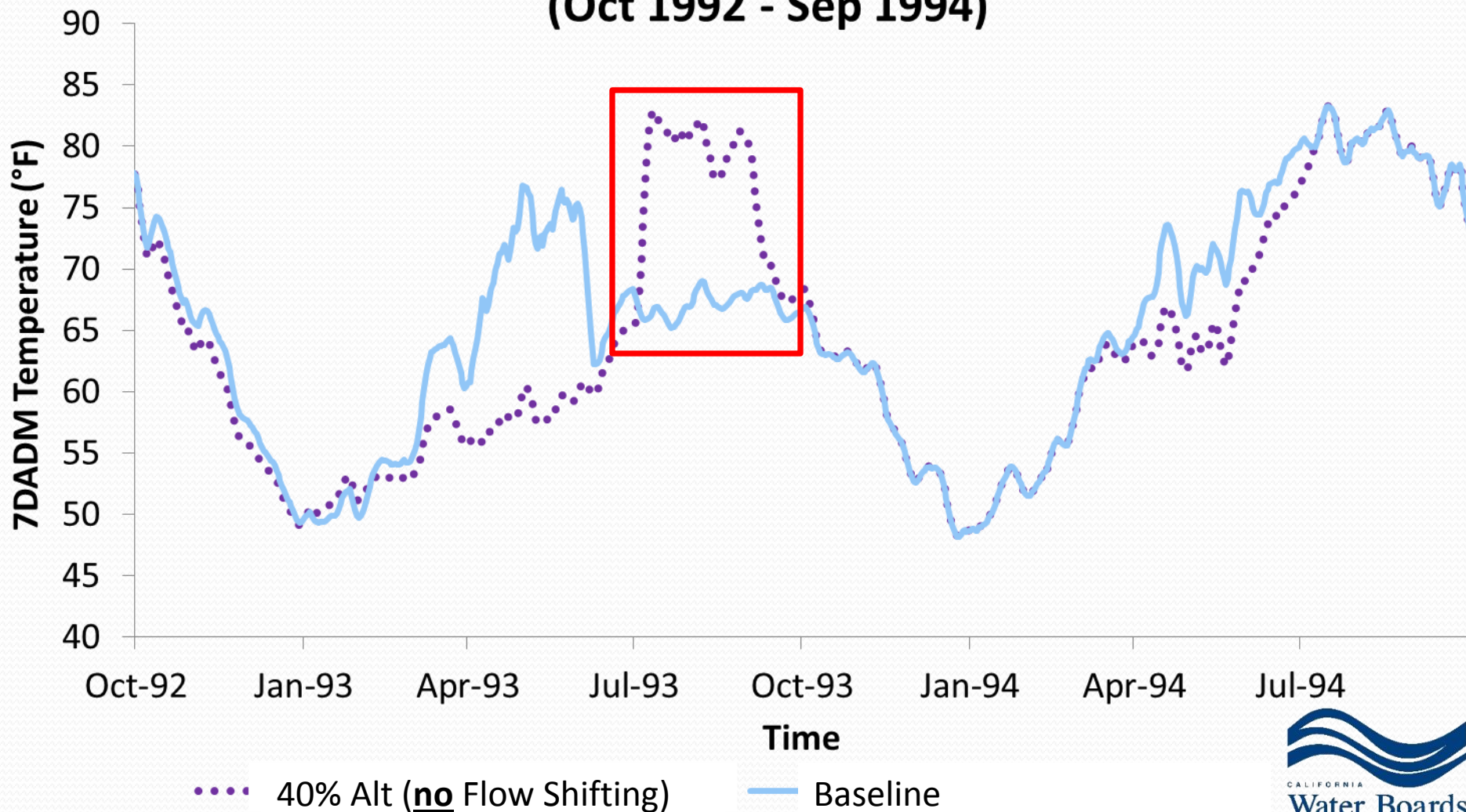
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Effects of Flow Shifting

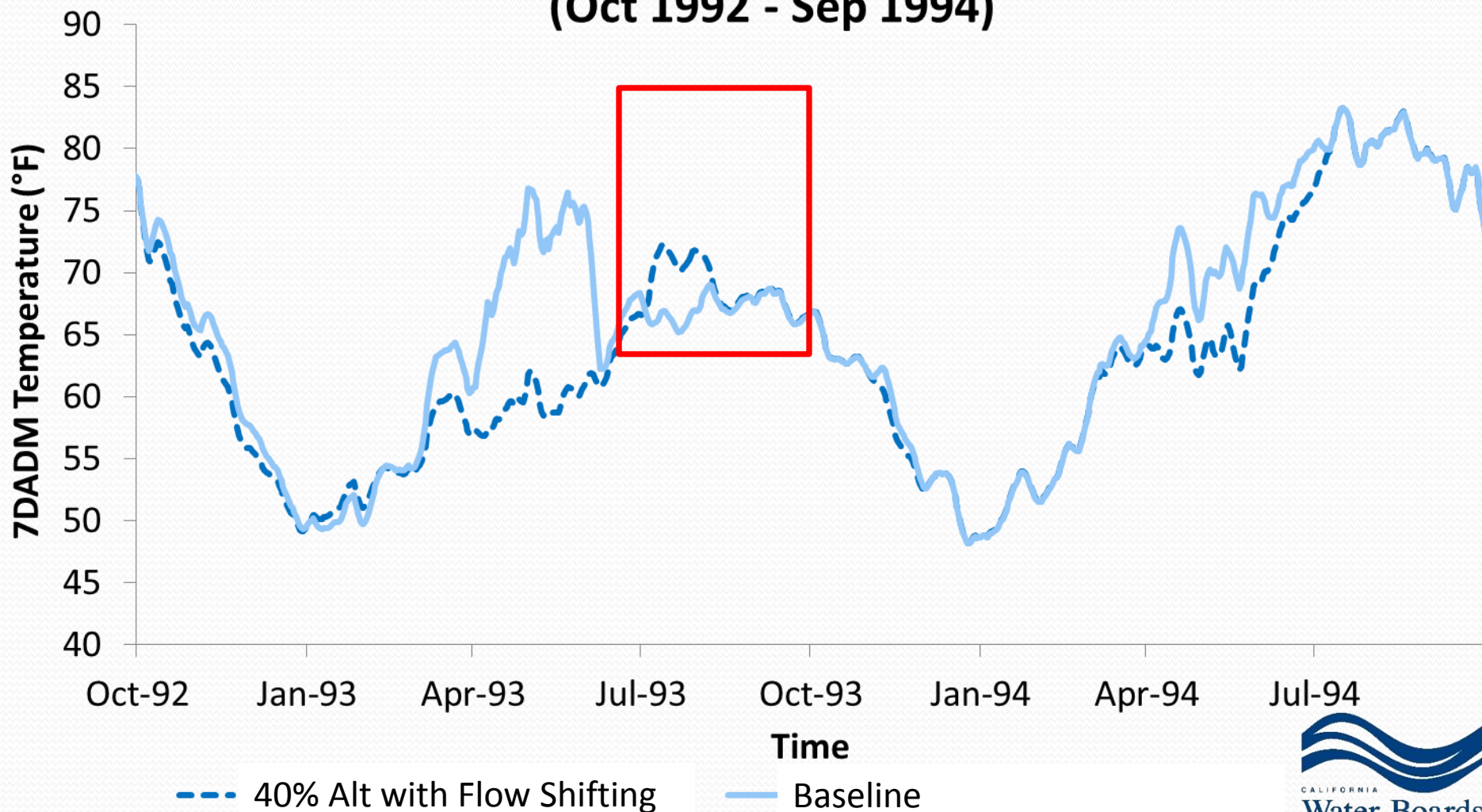
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Merced Daily 7DADM Temperature at Stevenson
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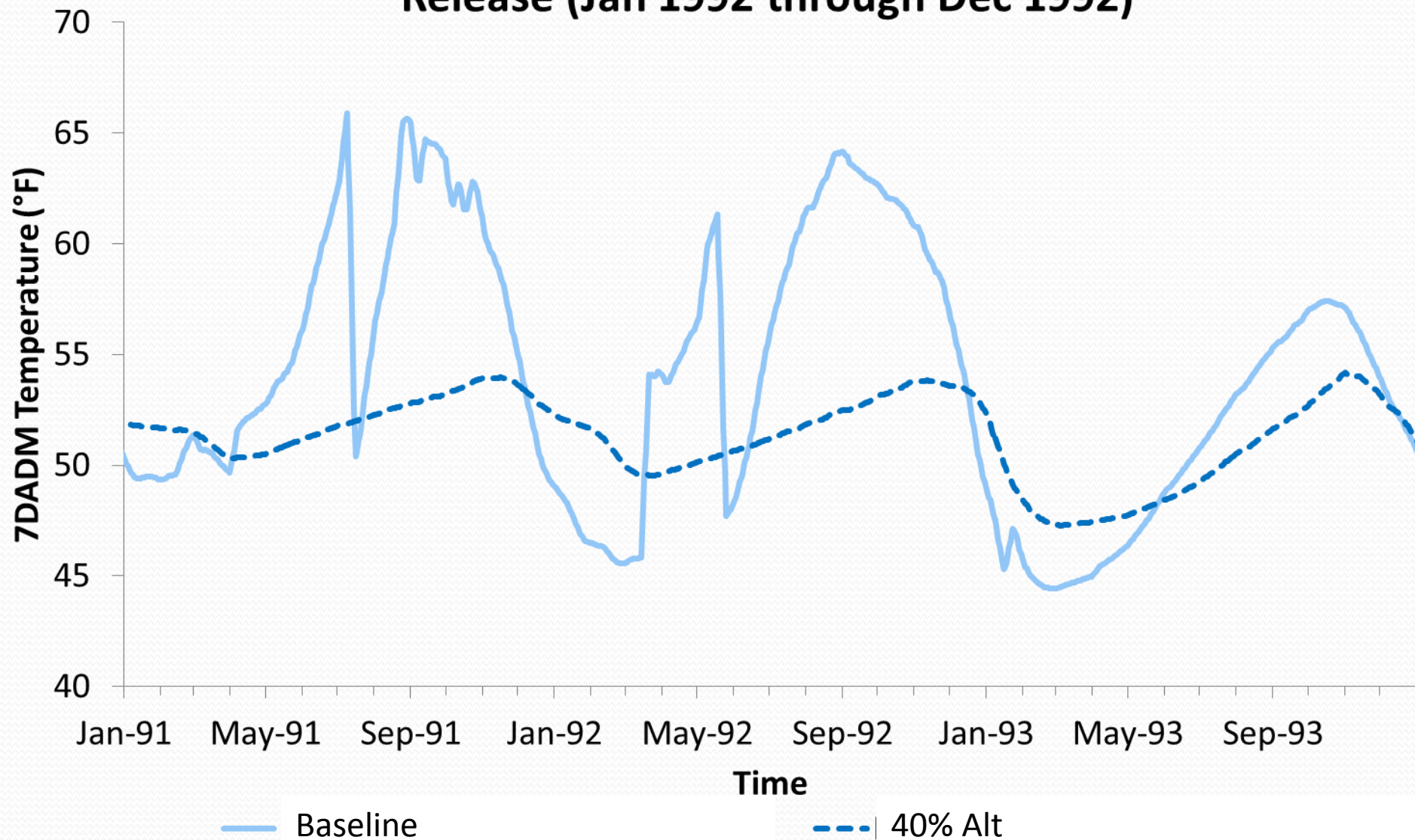
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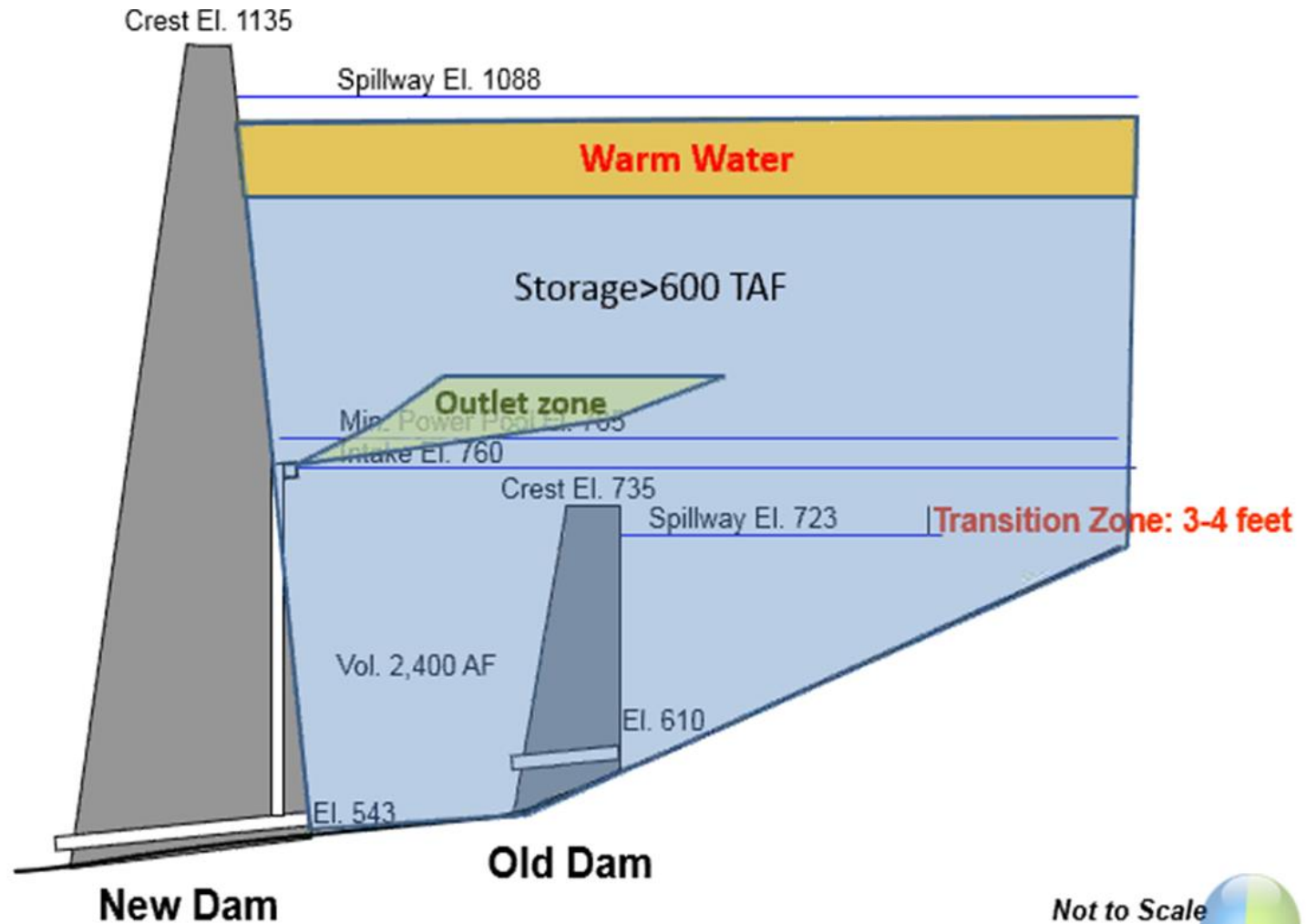
Other Notable Temperature Dynamics

Stanislaus Daily 7DADM Temperature at New Melones Release (Jan 1992 through Dec 1992)



Temperature Effects between New Melones and Old Melones Dam

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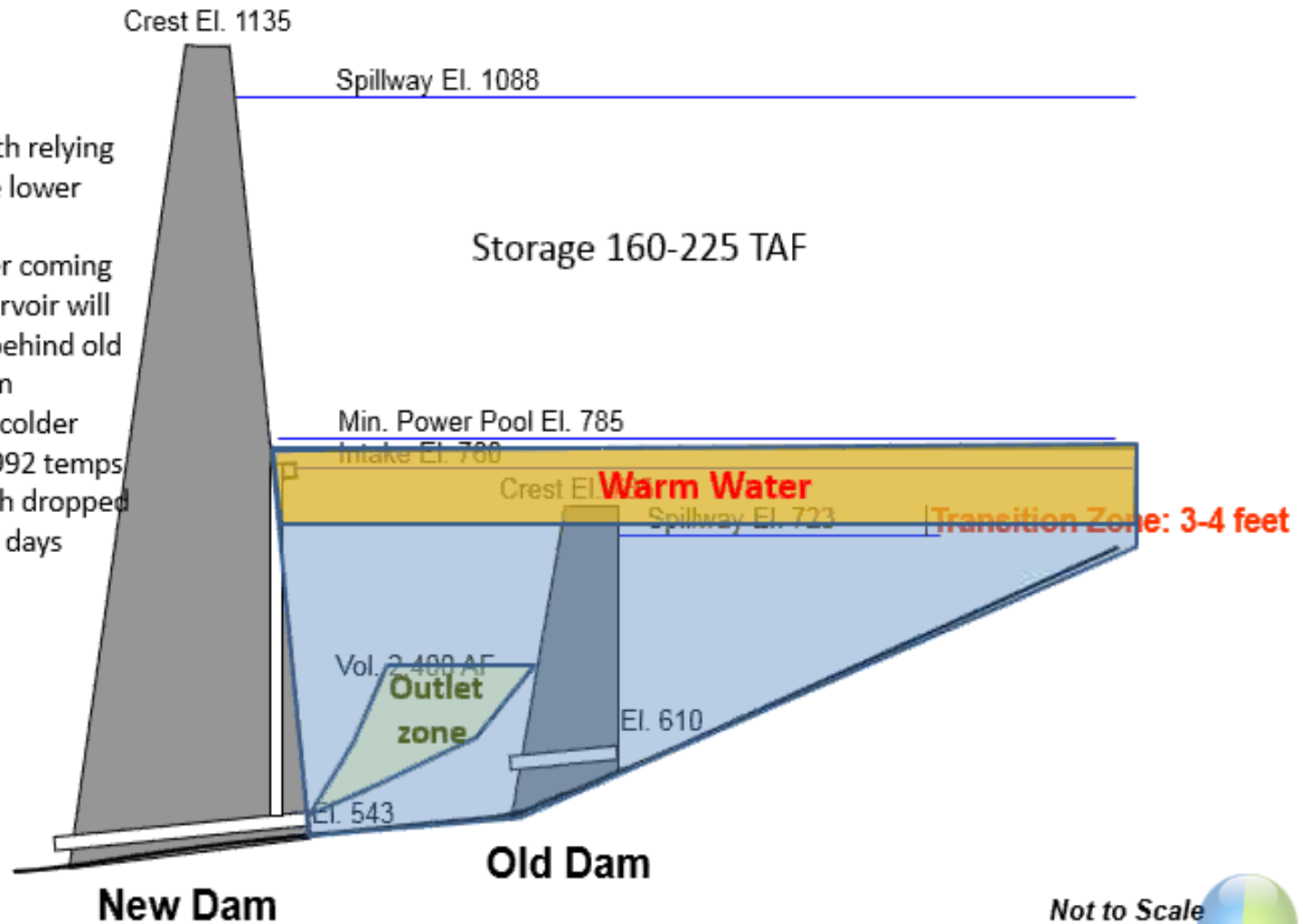


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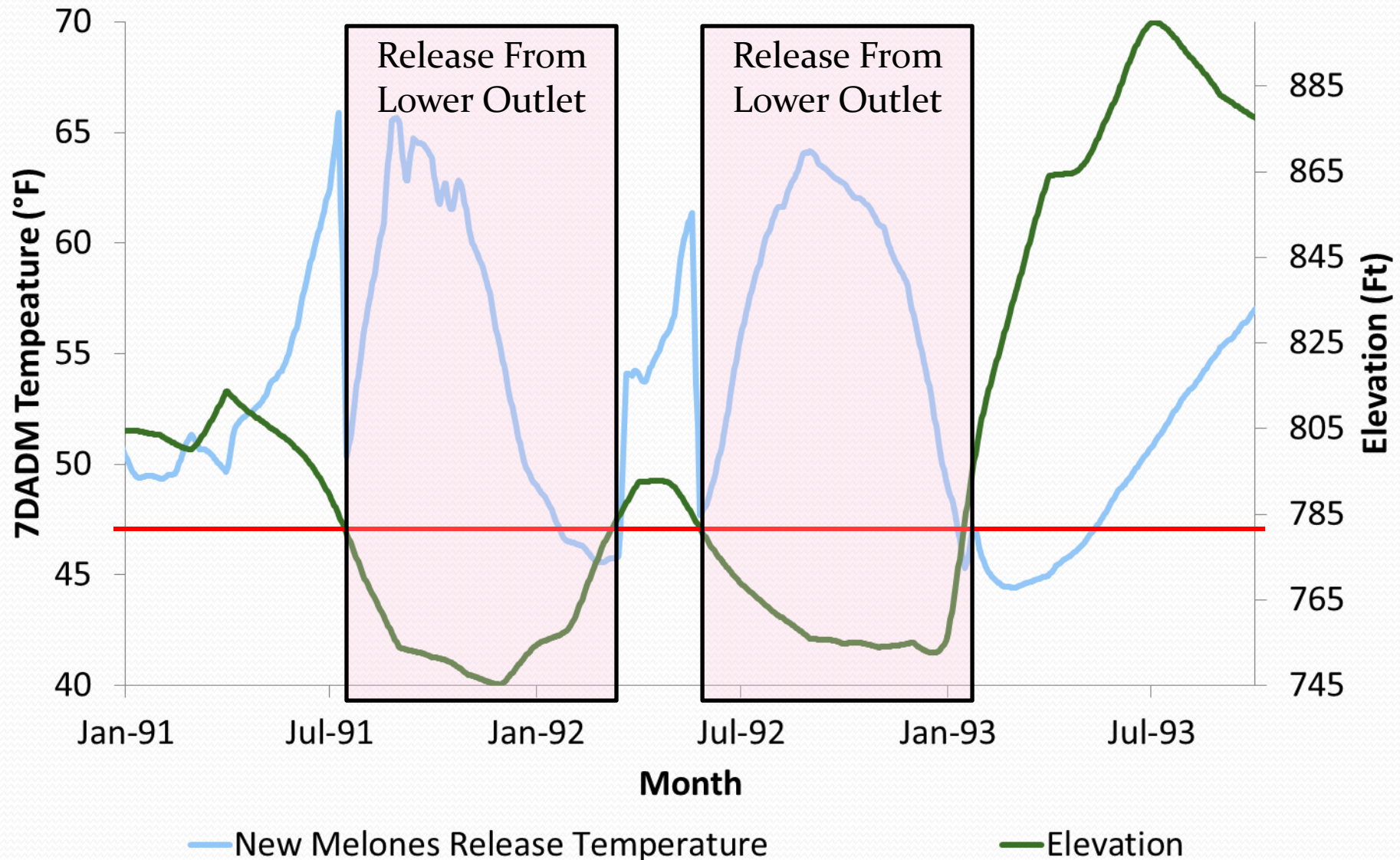
Notes:

- Concerns with relying solely on the lower level outlet
- All cold water coming into the reservoir will be trapped behind old Melones dam
- Significantly colder water – in 1992 temps below Tulloch dropped 10°F over 10 days



Daily Temperature of New Melones Releases vs. Reservoir Elevation Under Baseline Conditions (Jan 1991 through Sept 1993)

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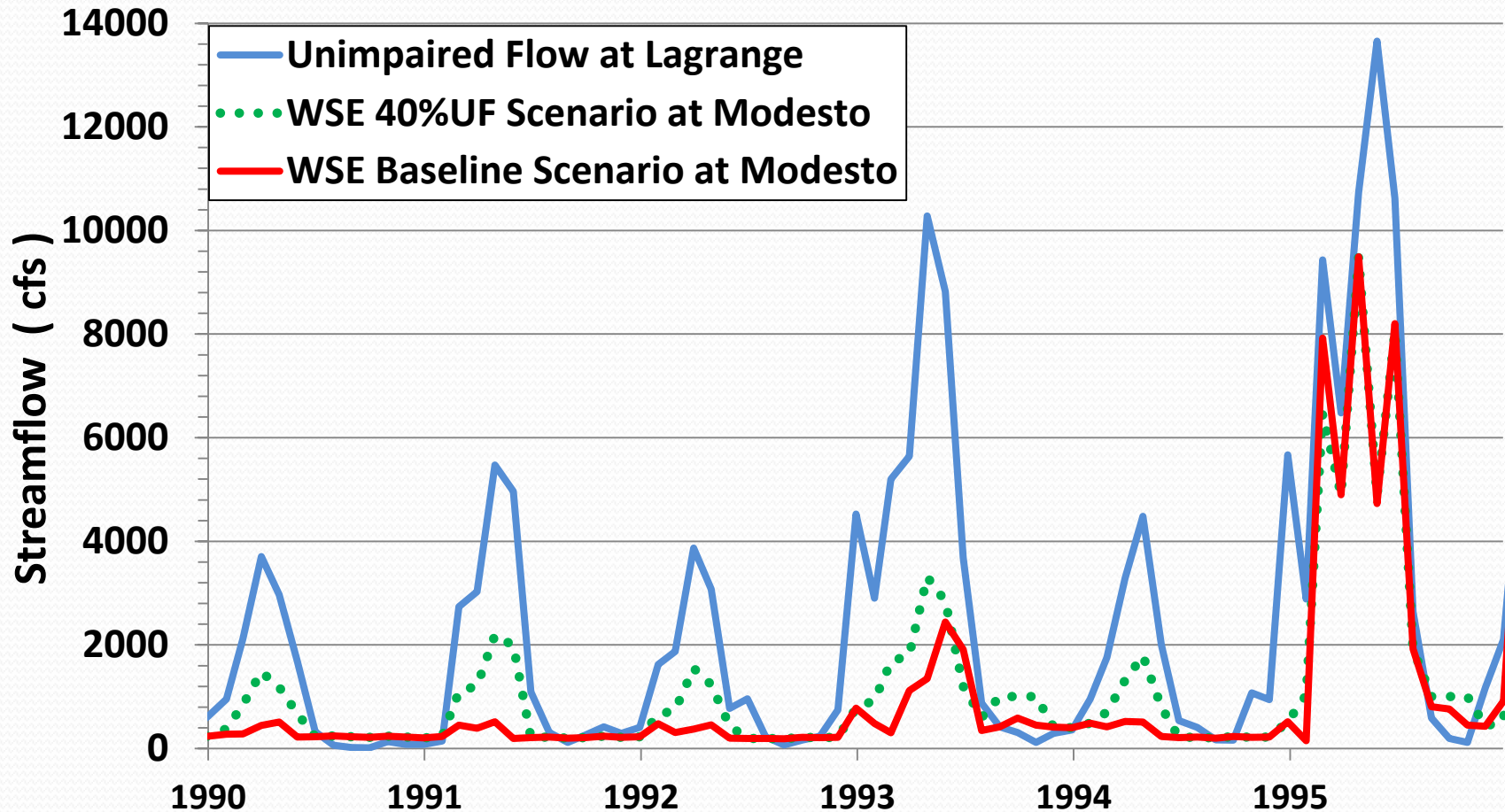


Temperature Evaluation Criteria

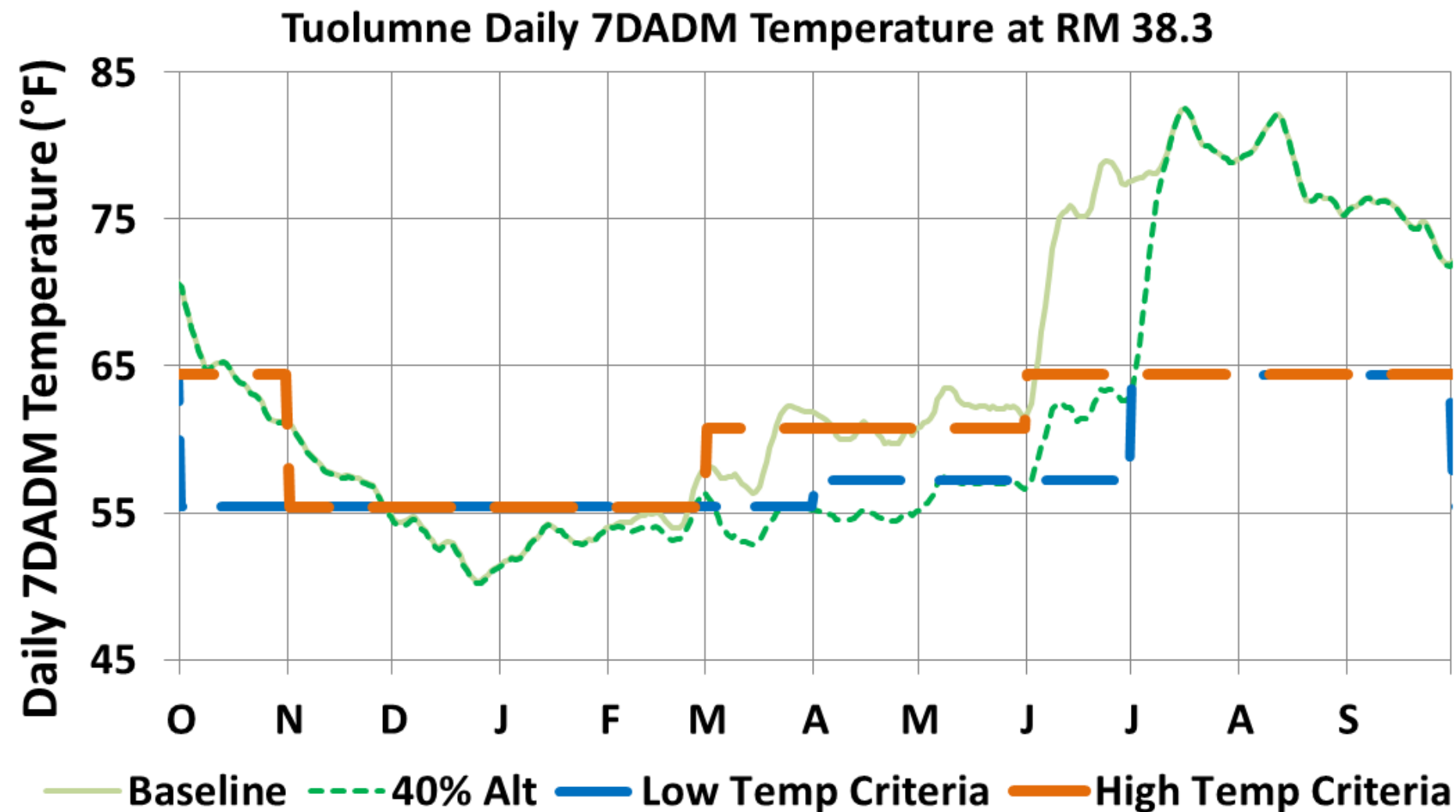
Evaluation Criteria – 7DADM (USEPA R10 2003)

- Spawning, Incubation, Emergence: 55.4 °F
- Smoltification 57.2 °F
- Core Juvenile Rearing: 60.8 °F
- Summer Rearing: 64.4 °F
- Adult Migration : 64.4 °F

Tuolumne River (1990-1995)



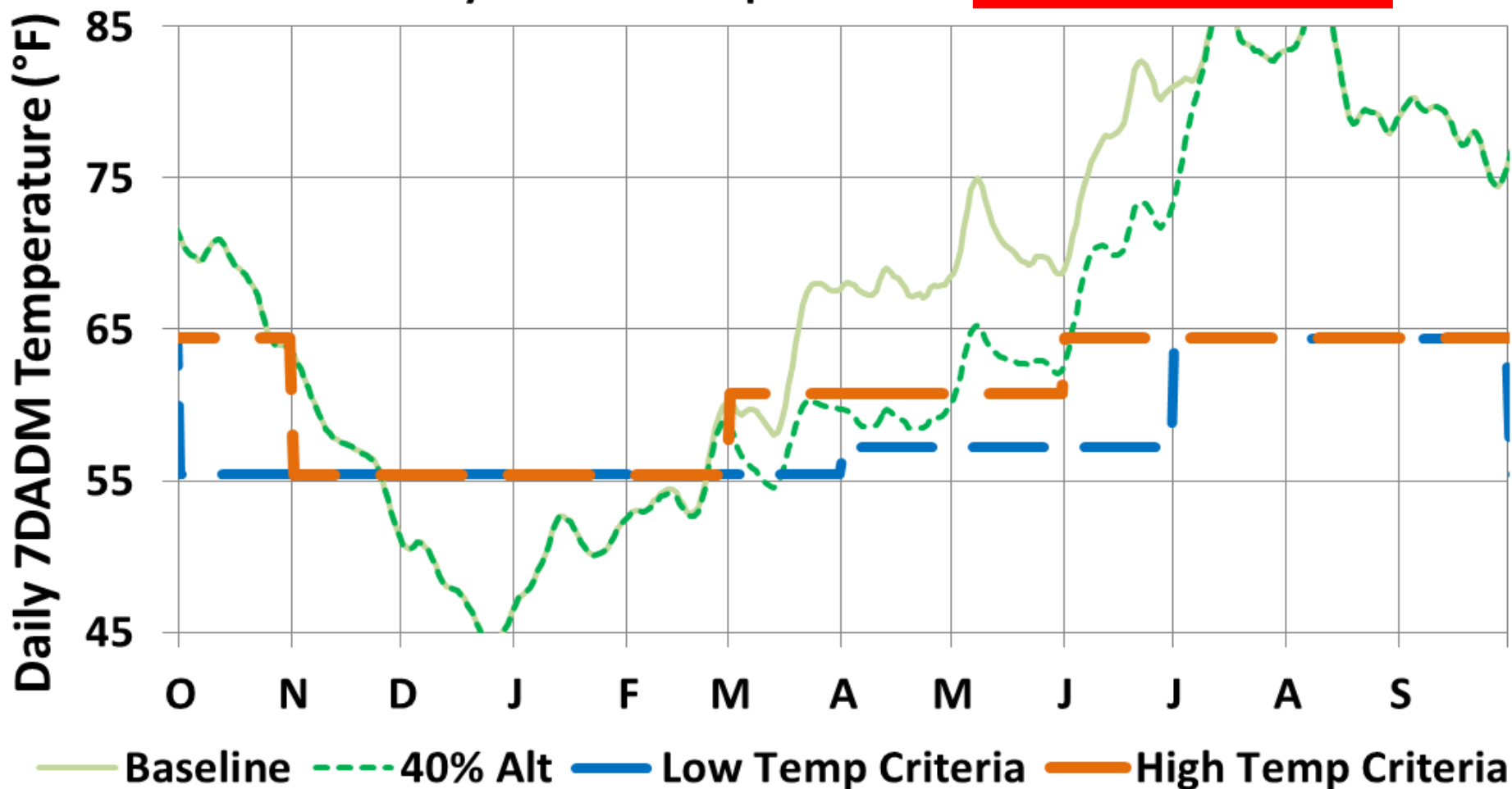
Tuolumne, Water Year 1990



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(Downstream)

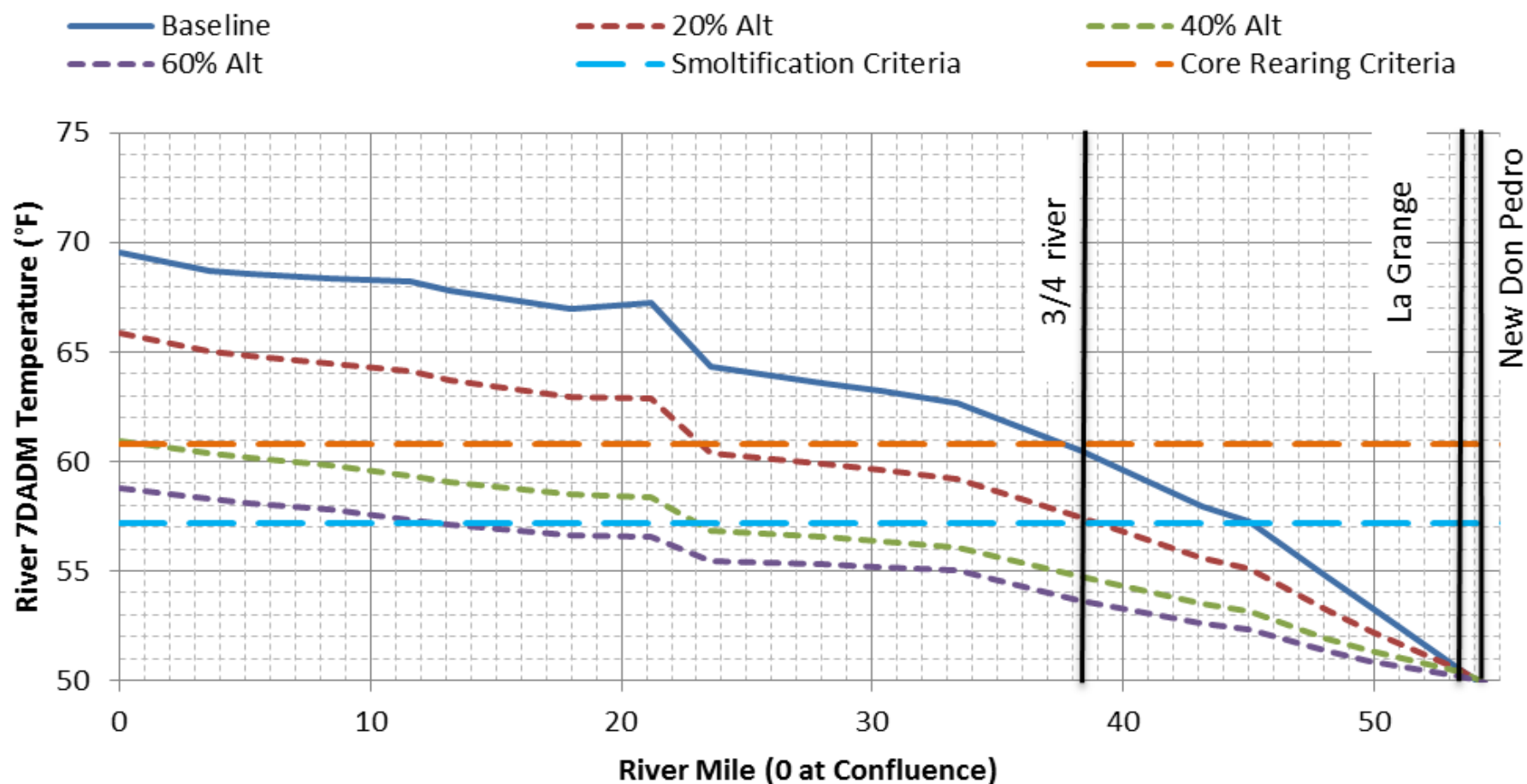
Tuolumne Daily 7DADM Temperature at 1/4 River (RM 13.2)



Tuolumne, April 1990

(Monthly Average 7DADM)

Tuolumne River Longitudinal Profile for April, 1990



Increase in Percent of Time Temperature Criteria Achieved – Merced River at River Mile 27

Life Stage	Month	USEPA Criteria (degrees F)	Base	Unimpaired Flow Percent				
				20	30	40	50	60
Reproduction	Feb	55.4	81%	-3%	-2%	-1%	2%	2%
Reproduction	Mar	55.4	29%	-1%	0%	3%	7%	13%
Core Rearing	Mar	60.8	85%	0%	3%	7%	9.8%	11%
Core Rearing	Apr	60.8	39%	-2%	17%	26%	38%	45%
Core Rearing	May	60.8	18%	6%	21%	26%	37%	43%
Smoltification	Apr	57.2	12%	0%	5%	6%	14%	19%
Smoltification	May	57.2	7%	0%	1%	1%	9%	15%
Smoltification	Jun	57.2	8%	-2%	-2%	-2%	-3%	-3%
Summer Rearing	Jun	64.4	26%	3%	8%	10%	16%	21%

Further Information

- More information on these topics can be found in the following chapters and appendices of the SED:
 - Chapter F.1, *Hydrologic and Water Quality Modeling*
 - Chapter 19, *Analyses of Benefits to Native Fish Populations from Increased Flow between February 1 and June 30*
- These chapters, as well as information on how to obtain a copy of the temperature model and the SED temperature results, can be found at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/bay_delta_plan/water_quality_control_planning/2016_sed/index.shtml.